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The state's Republicans, still pressing their court challenge to the disputed governor's election, have filed a separate challenge with the state

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a hand recount, he lost to Democrat Christine Gregoire by 129 votes out of 2.9 million cast Republicans have filed a legal challenge against the hand recount in Chelan County

Superior Court, saying mistakes were made and calling for another statewide vote California mudslide: Friends and family gathered Saturday on a windy beach to bid

farewell to 10 people who were killed when a mudslide damaged more than two dozen homes in the free-spirited oceanfront village of La Conchita. Hundreds of people wearing shorts, san

dals and Hawaiian shirts converged for the ceremony in which about 50 surfers paddled 300 yards from shore, the names of the victims were read, and family and friends scattered orchid leis in the waves

ston's Big Dig: Big Dig ramp supports, which were designed to give the ramps smoother lines and greater stability, are attracting unwelcome pigeons and allowing homeless people access to passageways reserved for inspectors.

The bird droppings are unhygienic for inspectors and increase the risk of corrosion, while unauthorized people in passageways pose possible security risks

Last week, project supervisors decided to pend up to \$500,000 for screens over holes that were designed to give inspectors easy access to the supports but have also allowed pigeons to enter and roost.

Cruise ship sickness: More than 250 people aboard a cruise ship fell ill with a stom ach virus while touring the western Caribbean cruise line officials said Saturday.

About 233 of the 3.465 passengers aboard the Mariner of the Seas became sick after the vessel left Port Canaveral on Jan. 16 for a seven-day cruise through the western Caribbean. The ship was expected to return early Sunday

Twenty of the vessel's 1,190 crew members also showed symptoms.

The Mariner of the Seas was being checked for bacteria, the company said.



Hong Kong elections: Protesters wear inflatable headdresses in the shape of chickens that symbolize the Chinese word for referendum, referring to a referendum on direct elections, as more than 1.000 people held a rally and later marched in downtown Hong Kong on Sunday to demand full democracy and social justice in the Chinese territory. The protesters chanted "Direct elections in 2007 and 2008," the years in which Hong Kong is due a to get new leader and legislature. This former British colony was handed over to Chinese rule in 1997 with a guarantee of democratic political rights that do not exist on the mainland.

War on terrorism

Chinese hostages: Eight Chinese construction workers taken hostage by Iraqi insurgents have been safely transferred to Chinese custody, China's Foreign Ministry said

In a statement posted on its Web site Sunday night, the Foreign Ministry said the eight men were in good health and the Embassy in Baghdad was arranging for their return to China

The eight men were handed over to an Embassy representative at a mosque in the western city of Ramadi.

World

Palestinian girl shot: The family of a 13-year-old Gaza girl shot by an Israeli soldier and shot again by an officer - a case that drew broad international criticism has sued the military, a lawyer said Sunday.

In its appeal to Israel's Supreme Court, the family of Iyman Hams asked to move the case from a military to a civilian court, release the results of the investigation and examine orders that led to the shooting, said lawyer Labib Habib

Afghan opium crop: The poppy fields that once crowded every scrap of farmland in eastern Afghanistan have been supplanted - by wheat. Farmers are slashing their cultivation of opium, government and foreign officials say, in a bright start for President Hamid Karzai's U.S.-sponsored campaign against the world's largest illegal narcotics industry.

Nationwide, officials forecast a drop of between 30 percent to 70 percent in this year's crop. In crucial growing areas such as eastern Nangarhar province and southern Hel-mand, it could be down more than three-quarters, they say, though reliable statistics are not yet available.

Sudan southern rebels: Leaders of Sudan's main southern rebel group on Sunday were debating a peace deal to end Afri-ca's longest-running war, a day before they planned to vote on approving the agreement with Sudan's government.

The Sudan People's Liberation Army's

legislative body is expected to endorse the

Jan. 9 agreement. The deal, once ratified by the rebels' National Liberation Council, would be legally binding on the entire group.

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Yokota C-130s play big role in aid mission



Shortly after sunrise Saturday, a C-130E from Yokota Air Base, Japan, awaits its next mission at Utapao Royal Thai Naval Base, Thailand. The 40-year-old aircraft is one of eight Yokota C-130s supporting tsunami relief through Operation Unified Assistance. The plane also flew several combat missions from Utapao during the Vietnam War.

Corpsman saves tourist with CPR

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Strings

UTAPAO, Thailand - Heading back to his temporary base from an evening in fun-town Pattaya two weeks ago, Navy hospitalman apprentice Chris Anderson, in Thailand with the Okinawa-based 7th Communications Battalion helping with the tsunami disaster relief mission, came across an unconscious tourist with no pulse.

Instinct hit and training kicked in: He saved the man with quick CPR - and still made it back to his hotel for midnight curfew.

'We were coming out of one of the bars." Anderson said recently. "There was kind of a crowd of

In the middle was a slumped man, held partially off the ground by a crowd member. Anderson lay the man on the ground after checking and finding no pulse in his wrist. The hospitalman apprentice then checked for a pulse on the man's neck and pinched a finger to see if the man would re-

"He didn't move," Anderson said. The man also wasn't breath-'The Marine who was there ing said, 'This guy is dead.

Anderson said he followed the CPR procedure he'd been taught, clearing the man's airway. He knew mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was next

sailor said random thoughts filled his head. "I was thinking, 'I've got to get back in time' and 'I don't want to give this guy mouth-to-mouth.

But Anderson also was think-



ing of what to do next, he said, preparing to start chest compressions and rolling the man over if he began to vomit.

"The first thing I figured was he was passed out drunk." After one chest compression. the man stirred and woke, with a

weak pulse.

"It was weird, after one compression you could just feel the life come back," Anderson said.

The sailor spoke to him briefly. He never learned the man's name, where he was from or what, for certain, caused him to pass out, Anderson said, but he be lieves the man was Russian. A woman with the man spoke Russian and said he hadn't been drinking, the sailor said. The man thanked him; by then other medical personnel had arrived.

The entire episode lasted just a few minutes, the hospitalman apprentice estimated enough time for Anderson and his friends to jump in a taxi and return to his unit before midnight "On the way back, we were on a high," he said. "It was great. That's what I got into this for.

The next day Anderson told an independent duty corpsman of the incident. The story quickly made it up the ranks to his boss senior medical officer Navy Lt Tara High, and finally to mission commander Lt. Gen. Robert Blackman. High said she confirmed the story with other servicemembers who were at the

Anderson might be up for an award for his quick work, the senior medical officer said His corpsman training may have helped, High said, noting that the day before, she'd initiated an emergency medical drill for her corpsmen. Anderson led the exercise — doing "basically the exact same thing he had to do for real

the next day," she said. Anderson said doing CPR on a real person was different: A dummy doesn't have breakable ribs. But he still was glad for the training, he said: "Because we practice it so much, when it happened the training kicked in and it went well."

Corpsmen are supposed to administer medical care to civilians only in emergencies - like this one. High said, adding that the hospitalman apprentice did exactly the right thing: "He definitely saved that guy's life.

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Admiral: U.S. not leaving too soon

Aid groups ready to take over tsunami relief, Črowder says

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Head of the U.S. tsunami

Rear Adm

William Crowder

BY HRVOJE HRANJSKI The Associated Press

AROARD THE USS ARRA-HAM LINCOLN — The admiral in charge of the massive U.S. relief operation in Indonesia's tsuna mi-devastated areas on Sunday dismissed fears the United States is leaving too soon and might create a vacuum in the aid effort.

The USS Abraham Lincoln's five-ship battle group arrived off Sumatra island within four days of the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami, and about a dozen SH-60 Seahawk heliconters have been rush ing food, water and medicine to towns and villages

along the battered coast every day since

But many aid workers in Aceh province worry that last week's announcement hv the U.S. military that it would im mediately start scaling back and handing over operations to other nations, the United Nations and aid groups was premature.

"The line is: I don't share that same concern," Rear William Adm. Crowder said "We're reaching a where point there's going to be a transition to sus

tain relief and not acute emergency gotta-have-it-now relief that we saw in the first couple of weeks."

"The advantage we had early on was our mobility, to be able to deploy ourselves here in about four days. And now other organizations are getting their assets

Crowder said the U.S. departure would be gradual, and that 25 to 30 helicopters from other nations and organizations would start flying for the United Nations and associated agencies in weeks

The Indonesian military and those from Japan, France and Singapore are also taking part in the relief operations, and other nations have set up tents or hospitals in Banda Aceh, capital of the worst-hit province. "When the agencies, the U.N.

and the others and the Indonesian government have the equipment they need to carry this on, we would then depart, because we no longer are needed to do what's left to do," Crowder said. He said the urgency is gone and the prob-

lem now is to sustain the relief. Road damaged by the earthquake and tsunami are being repaired, and aid groups have started using ships to deliver aid to coastal areas, he said.

Crowder said the huge task of organizing, lifting and delivering aid was a success, and nations and people worked together to "get by bureaucracies, get by language problems in some cases, because the task was so huge and so

obvious for all us. we just figured it

out "There was so much to do that little bit everv helped early on, and folks just rolled their sleeves up and got to the task And guite frankly, it was very heartening to see that,'

Crowder said. "This wasn't admirals talking to admirals, this was people on the deck, pilots talking to aid work-ers, and aid workers talking to TNI (Indonesian milicolonels. tary) and just making it

happen." Crowder that despite reports of isolated

skirmishes between Indonesian soldiers and separatist rebels in Aceh. "U.S. forces have not seen that. Our mission has not been affected

He also praised the cooperation with the Indonesian military.

Each morning, he said, there vas a joint meeting in Banda Aceh during which the Indonesians provided the Americans with the day's plan of operations for the relief flights, and the Americans reported back what they saw in the last 24 hours

"It has been as good as you can hope for," he said. adding that the presence of other militaries in the relief operation help build better relationships.

"Every time you roll your sleeves up with the military of other nations, you cannot not help build personal relationships, help understanding each other's cultures.

Marines stress STD awareness in Thailand



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Strines

A woman advertises for an adult club in Pattaya, Thailand. Marines serving on humanitarian missions in Thailand have been briefed several times about the risks of contracting sexually transmitted diseases.

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stare and Strings

PATTAYA, Thailand - As part of the pre-deployment preparation for the cur-rent mission to Thailand, Navy Lt. Tara High, a doctor with the 7th Communication Battalion from Okinawa, talked to Marines in her unit about the health risks they could encounter.

She reminded them of water- and food-borne illnesses, diseases caused by

insects, snakebites and sunburns. And the dangers of sexually transmit-

The topic of STDs is part of the medical briefs for every deployment. But in Thai land, where many troops in the relief effort are based, prostitution and the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases including HIV — are among the highest in the world.

"That's definitely a concern in Thailand," said High, senior medical officer at the Combined Support Group clinic at

Pattava, the town nearest the troops' base, is known in particular for its sex tourism. Although Thailand made major efforts to cap a spiraling HIV rate in the past decade - particularly among prostitutes - the prevalence rate for adults in the nation is twice that of the United States and 15 times higher than Japan and South Korea, according to the CIA World Factbook

Troops are reminded of those dangers in the pre-deployment briefings, medical briefings once they arrive and daily unit briefings

'We talked about STDs. I showed them all the scary pictures (of the effects of STDs) you could give them," High said. 'It's not a moral issue, it's a readiness issue. I'd rather that they be protected."

In Thailand, gonorrhea and chlamydia strains have developed that are more re-sistant to antibiotics than those in the

States, High said. She said she recommends abstinence but in its absence, she strongly encourag-

es troops to practice safe sex. Inside the medical clinic trailer, boxes of condoms are there for the taking 'When the corpsmen are out and about

they carry condoms in their pockets," she

Chaplains also focus on the issue. Navy Lt. Michael Peyton, chaplain for the 7th Communications Battalion, followed up on High's medical briefings

"I let them know that abstinence works every time it's tried." he said

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He reminds troops they're not likely to find their soul mates in a nightclub. It's unfortunate, he adds, that many servicemembers don't come to see him until it's too late

"I've already seen a guy dealing with guilt." he said.

Resides the health risks and regret in the future troops who solicit prostitution also could face legal consequences: The Pentagon is trying to make soliciting a prostitute a specific crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. If approved this year, the new charge would carry a one-year sentence and dishonorable discharge for anyone convicted of paying a prostitute for sex.

Crackdowns on prostitution establishments already are occurring in South Korea and Germany.

Military reports for years have detailed the high incidence of prostitution overseas and at most deployment locations, such as Thailand. High says the issue also carries over to

home. She discusses STDs as part of normal medical information for her battalion. She said the message may be sinking "Mv Marines walk around and say

'Hey ma'am, I'm STD-free.' E-mail Juliana Gittler at: gittlerj@pstripes.osd.mil

Camp Casey racks 'em up

BY SETH ROBSON Stars and Stripes

CAMP CASEY, South Korea -U.S. soldiers will be able to gain national billiards rankings by play-ing tournaments at bases in South Korea if a pair of Camp Casey recreation programmers have their

Area I recreation programmers Jay Underwood and John Hanger say they're establishing a billiards league they hope to have certified by the Billiards Congress of America (BCA) Certification would let the pair run sanctioned tournaments in which soldiers could achieve BCA rankings similar to the world tennis rankings, they said

Soldiers who compete "could get rankings that are recognized nation-wide and play in tournaments in the States," said Hanger.

"It would be like a bragging right to say something like. 'I'm the 157th ranked player in the U.S.' "

Some professional billiards tournaments pay up to \$25,000 as a prize Hanger said. If the league was certified, he said, the 8th Army billiards champion might gain entry into a high-profile competition in the United States.

League games will be played at the Camp Casey Community Activity Center, where the pair have set up eight billiards tables, mostly salvaged from recently deactivated Western Corridor bases he

Underwood said the tables, Brunswick models crafted from cherry, were worth \$8,000 each

when new. "None of this cost the military anything except moving the tables

here," he said. The CAC has been packed with pool players each weekend since the tables arrived. Underwood said

soldiers were Many whelmed when they saw the facility, Underwood added, saying he saw several players calling to ask wives, fathers and mothers to send their pool cues to South Korea. Underwood said he and Hanger

now what they're doing because both play.

"We will teach everybody the different games and the rules and the etiquette of playing," he said. Several soldiers with outstanding billiards skills have volun-teered to show others the game's

intricacies and teach them billiards etiquette, he said. "The proper etiquette is to let the other guy shoot the ball. Stay away from the table and don't vell 'Miss!' " he said.

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Iwakuni mall food court gets makeover

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Strines

Officials at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan, are giving Crossroads Mall Food Court more space to accommodate customers and a new look during an ongoing renovation project.

Since the food court opened in 1997 it has added several well-known eateries that weren't part of the original offerings

"The addition of national-brand quick-service restaurants such as Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and KFC has increased usage of the Crossroads Food Court," said Don West, architect and designer for Iwakuni's Marine Corps Community Services.

"Planning for the project began in November 2003 and construction started in October 2004," West explained. "The renovation is currently in phase two of four phases. The estimated completion time frame is spring of this year.

The finished dining area will be about 1,800 square feet, increas ing the customer capacity from 156 to 215, according to West. The \$370,000 renovation is funded entirely by nonappropriated fund activities at Iwakuni, including the food court itself

"All-new furnishings and priva cy dividers will increase the com-fort level," West said. "The increased size of the dining area will also allow for smaller tables instead of the current long rows of ta-

The renovation also calls for a new beverage station.

"The new drink station's loca tion, at the center of the dining area, will help alleviate congestion around the front of the restau-rants," West said.

The food court is getting a new look, too. "The new décor will utilize

warm earth tones, creating a more up-to-date and modern look," West said. The furniture is made of medium-tone wood and plastic laminate.

Future projects include adding a coffee shop and moving the beau ty salon into the Crossroads Mall from the Marine Corns Exchange across the street.

"These projects will help meet the needs and desires of the Iwakuni community," West said. E-mail Greg Tyler a

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IN THE WORLD

Indonesia, Aceh rebels to meet in Finland to discuss cease-fire

BY SLOBODAN LEKIC The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Diplomatic efforts gained steam in easing separatist conflicts Sunday in Indonesia, a nation battered by last month's tsunami that has focused international attention on its decades-long insurgency.

Finnish officials confirmed that the Indonesian government and rebels will meet this week in Helsinki to discuss a formal cease-fire in tsunami-ravaged Aceh prov-ince, where separatists have been fighting for an independent homeland for nearly 30 years.

Finland's Crisis Management Initiative, headed by former President Martti Ahtisaari, confirmed that Indonesian government officials and Aceh rebel leaders would meet this week in Helsinki but declined to provide more details "due to the delicate nature" of the negotiations.

nounced by both sides since the disaster, there have been isolated reports of fighting, raising concerns about the security of relief operations in Aceh. On Sunday. the Indonesian military said it had killed 200 alleged rebels in the last four weeks.

Aceh had been previously closed to foreigners, but the influx of relief workers and journalists into the province since the disaster has for the first time drawn interna-

tional attention to the conflict. Another official involved in bringing the two sides together said the talks will probably be held Thursday, and could lay a

framework for restarting the peace process that foundered 20 months ago. The source spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of disrupting the talks. Jakarta had announced last

week that it planned to hold talks by the end of the month, but the government's spokesman was not available for comment Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Health Minis-

try raised its estimate of the tsunami toll by 7,661 to 173,981, and the Social Affairs Ministry increased its estimate Sunday by 4,749 to 114,978. The conflicting tallies stem from different ways of incorporating the number of missing people into the death tolls.

Indonesia was the worst hit of 11 nations affected by the disaster. The increase brings the over-all death around the Indian Ocean to between 162,530 and 228,771 people.

On Sunday, a 400-ton landing vessel carrying World Food Program aid was due to arrive in Sumatra's coastal Calang city. said program spokesman Gerald Bourke — the first time the U.N. agency has used its own ship to deliver aid in the disaster. Thou sands of victims are at a make-

shift camp among the ruins of the destroyed city.



Members of Laskar Mujahidin, one of a number of groups which campaign for Islamic law in Indonesia, arrive at a refugee camp near Banda Aceh. Indonesia, on Sunday, As South Asia approaches the one-month anniversary of the deadly tsunami, rebel groups in Indonesia and Sri Lanka are approaching cooperation with their governments.

Sri Lanka denies its military used relief funds to buy arms

BY DILIP GANGULY The Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka - Sri Lanka's military reacted furious-ly Sunday to Tamil Tiger rebel claims that the armed forces plan to buy weapons using tsunami re-

lief money.
"Such terrible lies can come only from them (the Tigers), said military spokesman Brig.

Daya Ratnayake. The pro-rebel TamilNet Web site said rebel leader Velunillai Prabhakaran raised the issue of alleged government plans to spend aid on arms when he met with Norway's foreign minister,

Jan Petersen, on Saturday. fought Sri Lanka's army from 1983 until a Norway-brokered 2002 cease-fire. The truce had seemed increasingly fragile just before the tsunami, but immediately after there were signs that the tragedy might inspire cooperation. Now, the bitterness appears to

be creeping back.

the notice of the Norwegian delegation that the international aid coming to the country ... is being mis-used by the government," Tamil-Net quoted chief rebel negotiator

Anton Balasingham as saying. Ratnayake said the government uses only its annual budget

for defense spending. Meanwhile, Norway's foreign minister — mediating between the government and rebels to ensure tsunami relief is fairly dis-tributed in Tiger-held areas — met with Sri Lanka's prime minis-

ter Sunday. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakse and Petersen "had very good discussions, and the prime minister thanked Norway for assisting Sri Lanka at this critical time," said Rajapakse's secre-

tary, Lalith Weeratunga.

Weeratunga did not give details about aid discussions.

With Norway's encourage ment, the rebels and government are discussing the creation of a joint body to ensure equal aid dis-

Tsunami videos big on black market

BY NEELESH MISRA The Associated Press

PORT BLAIR, India - Pushing aside pirated Bollywood movies, new releases are ruling the black market video charts: compilations of grisly pictures and videos of the tsunami horror.

'There is great demand for them," said Mukesh Vyas, a compact disc dealer in Port Blair, capital of the hard-hit Andaman and Nicobar island chain.

"We don't have the stock, they are so hard to get, Sometimes, the video CDs are simply news footage recorded from television broadcasts. But more

often, it's highly graphic footage, often shot by amateurs, that would never make it to broadcast TV at The videos have infuriated survivors and, in a few instances, put police into action.

"This is wrong," said Mildred Kujur, a tsunami survivor from Campbell Bay island, at the southern end of the Andaman archipelago. "They are filling their pockets at our expense. This sort of insensitivi ty really hurts us.

a man for selling video CDs of the disaster, where sidewalk vendors have been peddling video CDs of the tsunami for about \$2.60.

But for the salesman, the videos simply reflect what the public wants to see, a sort of high-tech rubbernecking of one of the most deadly natural disasters of the past century.

"It shows everything - how people died, how they were buried, people who were saved and de-stroyed property. Good quality. Good sound," said Palaniappan, a 14-year-old boy selling CDs on the sidewalk outside Port Blair's main Roman Catholic church. Palaniappan uses only one name.

His prices match the demand. While most of Palaniappan's CDs, like a pirated version of the newly re-leased Hindi movie "Swades," sell for about 20 rupees, worth about 45 cents, the 80-minute locally made compilation titled simply "Tsunami-Affected Area" goes for more than triple that

"This is 70 rupees [about \$1.50] because this is about the tsunami," the boy said.

Chinese show off repentant Falun Gong followers



Wang lindong

BY AUDRA ANG The Associated Press

XINMI, China - Three years ago, he was a die-hard Falun Gong follower, serving a life sentence for trying to set himself afire in the name of the spiritual movement banished by China as

Today, with his prison term drastically cut to 19 years for good behavior. Liu Yunfang is a convert of a different sort - and one Beijing is eager to showcase as a successful "rehabilitation."

"I was wrong," Liu told report-

ers who made a government-organized visit to his prison in central Henan province this past week. "I should be punished by law."

Liu is one of three men imprisoned for orchestrating a group

self-immolation in Beijing's Tiananmen Square four years ago. on Jan 23 2001 Liu doused himself with gasoline but was grabbed by police before he could ignite himself.

Since banning the group in 1999, Beijing regularly dissemi-nates propaganda against it and justifies its ongoing crackdown by allowing reporters to interview converts in tightly controlled settings

The persistence of that camnaign illustrates the ruling Communist Party's continued perception that Falun Gong is a threat.

Liu and two other converts, Wang Jindong and Xue Hongjun, wore matching blue-and-white striped uniforms and caps when they met reporters individually this week. In contrite tones, they

renounced their faith in Falun Gong and its founder, and expressed their gratitude to the government for treating them well

Their sentences were reduced because they were "active in reha-bilitation," warden Yu Xiaoming said. Wang's 15-year term was lessened by 2½ years and Xue's

Wang, 54, is the only one in prison who set fire to himself. His face, devoid of eyebrows, is mottled with scar tissue. Some fingers have been amputated.

"It is the government that has given me a second life," Wang said. "I have totally woken up and I think I should persuade people still addicted to Falun Gong to wake up, too,'

Wang placed a half-dozen pho tos on a table: his wife and his daughter smiling, himself as a handsome young man.

"I feel ashamed about believ-ing in Falun Gong," Wang said. "It is Falun Gong and Li Hong-zhi (the group's founder) who

have ruined me.'

In Kaifeng, a bustling city northeast of the prison. Wang's wife and daughter — both former Falun Gong members - live with the daughter's husband and haby in a single room tucked in a maze of alleys. The room is filled with a bed, piles of comforters, suitcases and cupboards. A map of the world hangs on the wall

"We feel so cheated to have our deep beliefs shattered after all these years," said Wang Juan, Wang's 26-year-old daughter.

"My father's change is sincere We are filled with hope for the fu-



flag in the northern Gaza Strip town of Beit Lahiya on Sunday. PLO leader Mahmoud Abbas is in Gaza trying to negotiate a monthlong truce.

Israel willing to put operations on hold

Announcement paves way for talks

BY LARA SUKHTIAN The Associated Press

GAZA CITY Gaza Strip - The Israeli military is willing to suspend operations against Palestinian militants if they call off attacks, Israeli leaders said Sun-day, signaling a shift in position that could help pave the way toward a cease-fire after more than four years of fighting.

The announcement by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his defense minister, Shaul Mofaz, came as Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said he was closing in on a truce deal with Islamic militants and called on Israel to respond positively to a truce.

Abbas has been in Gaza since last Tuesday pressuring militant groups to halt their attacks on Israeli targets. Abbas hopes a truce will lead to the resumption of peace talks.

"We can say that there has been significant progress in the talks. Our differences have diminished, and therefore we are bound to reach an agreement very soon," Abbas told Palestinian television

He said it is "essential" that Israel end attacks against the militants and called on Israel to free many of the thousands of Palestinian prisoners it is holding

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said a claim by Israel's defense minister that a monthlong truce had been agreed was premature. He said Abbas, scheduled return to his West Bank headquarters on Sunday, would remain in Gaza for an extra day to work on a deal.

Representatives of Hamas and Islamic Jihad also said no agreement had been reached but that the talks were progressing.

Both groups said they would reserve the right to retaliate in the event of an Israeli offensive.

Signs of a cease-fire already were in place Sunday. With Isra el's blessing, Abbas deployed about 3,000 security forces in northern Gaza over the weekend to prevent mortar and rocket attacks on Israeli targets. The area where militants frequently launch rockets into southern Israel - has been quiet since the de-

Sharon held a special Cabinet meeting Sunday in Sderot — a southern border town that has been repeatedly targeted by Palestinian rocket fire.

Yushchenko sworn in as Ukrainian president

KIEV, Ukraine - President Viktor Yushchenko, taking office Sunday after two months of intense political conflict, promised to steer a new course for Ukraine — out of corruption and cronyism and into the European Union

ployment.

"Ukraine will stand against all evil," the newly inaugurated leader told a vast crowd in Independence Square where throngs of demonstrators had so recently cried out that electoral fraud robbed him of victory in November's presidential runoff.

U.S. sending supplies to Guyana flood victims

GEORGETOWN, Guyana - The U.S. government is rushing relief supplies to Guyana, the U.S. ambassador said Saturday, after heavy rains and flooding that have killed at least six people and displaced thousands of others.

Drainage pumps, food and other supplies were expected to arrive early this week, U.S. Ambassador Roland Bullen told The Associated Press in a telephone interview

Iran: Strike by U.S. would be big 'strategic blunder'

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran - Iran said Sunday a U.S. military strike against it would be a strategic blunder but brushed aside tough talk from Washington as psychological warfare rather than a real threat.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said top U.S. administration officials didn't find any friends around the world when they issued threats suggesting the United States may be considering military action against Iran.

President Bush said Jan. 17 his administration won't rule out the possibility of using military force against Iran over its controversial nuclear program and Vice President Dick Cheney said Thursday that Iran "is right at the top of the list" of world trouble

Secretary of State-designate Condoleezza Rice made clear that American differences with Iran go well beyond its nuclear program.

"It's really hard to find common ground with a government that thinks Israel should be extinguished," she told senators.

"We consider such remarks a psychological war," Asefi told reporters Sunday. "We think the possibili-

ty (of a U.S. attack) is very low unless someone wants to commit a very big strategic blunder."

President Mohammad Khatami said Thursday Iran had plans to defend itself should the United States make any aggressive moves but added that the possibility of an attack "is very low" because Washington is preoccupied with Iraq.

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Seymour Hersh re-ported in The New Yorker magazine Jan. 17 that the Bush administration had been "conducting secret reconnaissance missions inside Iran at least since last summer" for the purpose of gathering intelligence and targeting information. Defense Department officials said the article was filled with mistakes but did not deny its basic point.

Asefi refused to comment on reports that Iran has discovered spying devices from unidentified flying objects shot down by the Iranian military but denied U.S. commandos had penetrated Iran.

The European Union has taken a softer line toward Iran since Britain, France and Germany secured a commitment in December that Tehran would freeze its uranium enrichment program and entered talks on a permanent end to nuclear activities with bomb-making potential. They resumed trade talks with Iran this month.



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IN THE STATES

Carson, king of late night, dies

BY JEFF WILSON

LOS ANGELES - Johnny Carson, the "Tonight Show" TV host who served America a smooth nightcap of celebrity banter, droll comedy and heartland charm for 30 years, has died. He was 79

"Mr. Carson passed away peaceful-ly early Sunday morning," his neph-ew, Jeff Sotzing, told The Associated Press. "He was surrounded by his family, whose loss will be immeasurable There will be no memorial service

Sotzing would not give further details, including the time of death or the location

The boyish-looking Nebraska native with the disarming grin, who survived late-night talk show throne, was a star who never distanced himself from his audience

His wealth, the adoration of his - particularly the many guests young comics whose careers he launched — the wry tales of multiple divorces: Carson's air of modesty made it all serve to enhance his inti-

"Heeeeere's Johnny!" was the booming announcement from sidekick Ed McMahon that ushered Carson out to the stage. Then the formula: the topical monologue, the guests, the broadly played skits such as "Car-

nac the Magnificent.

But America never tired of him; Carson went out on top when he retired in

ence: "And so it has come to this. I am one of the lucky people in the world.

"I found something that I always wanted to do and I have enjoyed every single minute of it."

His personal life could not match the perfection of his career.

Carson was married four times, divorced three. In 1991, one of his three sons, 39-year-old Ricky, was killed in a car accident

Nearly all of Carson's professional life was spent in television, from his postwar start at Nebraska stations in the late 1940s

Carson choose to let "Tonight" stand as his career zenith and his finale, withdrawing into a quiet retirement that suited his private nature.



Entertainer Bette Midler caresses talk show host Johnny Carson on May 21, 1992, during his next-to-last taping of "The Tonight Show" in Burbank, Calif. Carson died Sunday, according to his nephew. He was 79.

Blizzard conditions bog down Northeast, Midwest



Avid skier and Capitol Hill resident Laura Olsen glides past the Capitol as snow falls Saturday in Washington.

BY KAREN MATTHEWS The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Travel was slowed to a crawl at best across wide areas of the Northeast on Sunday as a huge snowstorm whipped up blizzard conditions with wind gusting to 60 mph. making highways treacherous, canceling hundreds of airline flights and slowing trains.

Massachusetts reported 2 feet of snow with amounts of at least 20 inches in New York's Catskills and 18 inches in coastal Connecticut and Rhode Island. The National Weather Service said as much as 3 feet was possible in eastern Massachusetts. The weather system had earlier piled a foot of snow on parts of Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and northern Ohio.

The stiff wind caused drifts up to 6 feet high in Massachusetts, along with poor visibility and scattered power outages. The weather service posted blizzard warnings into the afternoon in parts of New England, eastern New York state and northern New Jersey.

were "having a difficult time keeping up with the snow. They're starting to lose the battle "State Police Lt. Steve Lefeb.

vre said Sunday. Three deaths were linked to the

weather in Ohio and two were blamed on the storm in Wisconsin Airports and their thousands of

weekend travelers were hit hard by the blowing snow as hundreds of flights had to be canceled. Boston's Logan International

closed Sunday morning because of whiteout conditions, and snowplow crews were called back indoors at 3 a.m. Massport spokesman Phil Orlandella said there was no estimate when Logan would reopen. Nearly 500 flights were can-

celed Sunday morning at the New York metropolitan area's Newark, Kennedy and LaGuardia airports, in addition to about 700 were grounded Saturday, Port Authority officials said.

A cargo plane slid off a runway

airplanes slid off taxiways Saturday in Pittsburgh. No injuries were reported.

Philadelphia's airport was shut down for several hours Saturday while crews worked to clear runways. Airport employees distributed pillows, blankets, disposable diapers and water to about 800 sengers who had to spend the said spokesman Mark Pesce said.

Nearly 600 flights were canceled Saturday at Chicago's O'Hare International.

Trains serving New York City's northern suburbs ran on reduced schedules because of snow and ice covering the electrified third rail, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority said.

But for people who didn't have to be anywhere in a hurry, the weather provided a respite.

"It slows down the city and blankets a lot of the unpleasantness," Maya Tudor, 29, said in New York City. "You never see New York this calm. It's an

Former Marine held in abduction, death of Wal-Mart employee

TYLER, Texas -- Shoppers placed flower bouquets and teddy bears on a table inside a Wal-Mart store where a 19-year-old employee was abducted last week and later found dead.

Police, meanwhile, tried to piece together what happened between the time a surveillance camera captured Megan Leann Holden's abduction late Wednesday and the discovery of her body Friday in a ditch about 380 miles away. Authorities said Holden was shot to death by a

man who went on a multistate crime spree before turning up Friday at an Arizona hospital with a gunshot wound.

The suspect, Johnny Lee Williams, 24 and a former Marine, was jailed in Arizona on \$1 million bond on an aggravated kidnapping charge from Texas, authorities said. An autopsy was performed on Holden's body Sat-

urday but officials would not release details until At the Wal-Mart, shoppers paused Saturday to

look at dozens of flower arrangements left in Holden's memory Wal-Mart declined to discuss security measures or how it monitors surveillance tapes, company

spokeswoman Andrea Rader said Saturday. The surveillance tape showed a man police identified as Williams standing outside the store for about two hours before Holden was abducted. Tapes show Williams walking into the store a cou-

ple of times and then standing outside smoking, chatting at times with some customers, police said.
Williams followed two women at different times. but as other people approached, walked back to the entrance before following Hold-

en to her pickup truck in a parking lot beside the store, police "I think he was just looking

for an opportunity to get a vehicle. and I don't know if woman was part of that or not Martin said.

Williams was discharged last vear after four years as a Marine

The suspect's aunt, Linda Williams, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph that her nephew seemed angrier and not as talkative since he re-

turned from Iraa "All you can do is sit here and wonder, you know. what happened," she told the newspaper. "I guess he just snapped. I don't know. He's been asking for help ever since he came home from the military.

Marches mark anniversary of '73 Roe v. Wade decision

SAN FRANCISCO — Activists on both sides of the abortion issue marched in demonstrations across the country to mark the 32nd anniversary of the historic U.S. Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal.

The anniversary came amid speculation that retirements on the Supreme Court could alter its makeup and its long-standing defense of the Roe v. Wade decision during President Bush's second term, Chief Justice William Rehnquist is 80 and suffering from thyroid cancer.

In San Francisco, thousands of abortion opponents marched on the city's waterfront Saturday. chanting slogans like "Women de-serve better," while abortion rights supporters tried to drown them out with their own cries.

Condoms were tossed at the anti-abortion marchers, and people waved coat hangers in a reference to the days of back-alley abortions

San Francisco Supervisor Tom Ammiano said he thought it was ironic that anti-abortion activists chose the liberal West Coast city as the site for their demonstration.

Some abortion opponents hoisted crosses over their heads or held pictures of Jesus. They said they were prepared for a confron-

Police said two people were arrested for assaulting officers. though no injuries were reported.

Elsewhere, abortion opponents marched on state capitols in Colorado, South Carolina and Texas.

Key insurgency leaders detained by U.S. troops

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO

RAMADI, Iraq — A joint task force of U.S. soldiers and Marines has detained several "key Ramadi-based insurgent leaders," including leaders of a bomb-making cell and an associate of suspected terror ringleader of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, officials said Saturday.

According to 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division officials, the 10 men were captured over a series of arids completed last week. The raids were conducted by members of the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry; 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry; and 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, all of which operate in and around

The captured leaders include a man identified by the military as Abed al Sattar Ismael, allegedly the leader of "multiple improvised explosive device manufacturing terror cells," according to a military statement

statement. Ismael's terror cells included more than 60 fighters, operating in 13 cells "responsible for attacks ... including mortar attacks, suicide bomb attacks and roadside bombs." The statement read.

U.S. forces said they also captured Ismael's second in command, a man they described as responsible for transporting militants to and from attacks and providing vehicles and weapons to the terror

Officials said the forces also detained several members of a terror group known as the 1920th Revolutionary Battalion, a group military intelligence officials say includes former Baath Party members and the Iraqi military.

and the Iraqi military.

The raids also netted a man identified as Ismael
Jeddan, an alleged associate of al-Zarqawi, often described as the most wanted man in Iraq. U.S. officials have a \$2S million bounty on al-Zarqawi's

2nd Brigade officials said last week's raide also netted several members of kindapping rings who target foreigners or Iraqis working with U.S. forces. More than 4200 soldiers from 2nd Brigade and other associated units — including a field artillery unit and an engineer unit — deployed from South Korea to Iraq last fall and have been operating under command of the 1st Marine Division since ar-

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Marine Sgt. lason Tinnel watches as Sgt. E. J. "Hondo" Weis lavs enemy bomb-making materials in a pit before destroving them in Falluiah. The sailors are members of a Guam-based Naval Fynlosive Ordnance Disposal Mohile Unit attached to the Okinawa. hased 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

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Alleged bomb-maker caught

Stars and Stripes

The Okinawa-based 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, now in Iraq, recently captured an insurgent who told the unit he was a bomb-maker, the 31st MEU has

bomb-maker, the 31st MEU has announced in a news release. Several large caches of weapons, ammunition and documents were seized from the insurgent's

were seized from the insurgent's home after he was captured during a small radi in Karabilah, the release stated, adding that the caches contained enough materials to produce more than 30 improvised explosive devices.

The insurgent told the troops he had retrieved all of the ordnance from an old Iraqi army ammunition supply point in Sa'dah, loading his vehicle full of ordnance before returning home, where he buried the munitions in several locations throughout his property.

The man claimed that he began building IEDs during summer 2003, the release stated, and since then has detonated several of the devices against Multi-National Force convoys.

The weapons were destroyed, the 31st MEU stated.

The unit's current mission, the release stated, is to enhance security and stability in western Iraq and the Anbar province in support of the upcoming Iraqi elec-

U.S. ambassador: Serious problems ahead of election

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. ambassador acknowledged serious problems ahead of next weekend's election but gave assurance Sunday that "great efforts" were being made to ensure every Iraqi can vote.

Meanwhile, in an audiotape posted on the Web, a speaker claiming to be Iraq's most feared terrorist declared "fierce war" on democracy, raising the stakes in the vote.

Also, fire swept through the general hospital in a southern Iraqi city early Sunday, killing 14 people and injuring 75, said a spokesman for the Italian military forces based in the city.

Rebels who have vowed

Rebels who have vowed to disrupt the balloting blew up a designated polling station near Hillah south of Baghdad and stormed a police station in Ramadi west of the capital, authorities said.

A U.S. soddier was killed Saturday on a security patrol in Mosul, the U.S. command said Sunday. U.S. and Irraq i officials fear more such attacks in the run-up to Sunday's election and have announced massive security measures to protect voters. Iraqis will chose a 275-seat National Assemiraq's 18 provinces in the first nationwide balloting since the oust-of Saddam Hussein in 2003.

Large turnouts are expected among Iraq's majority Shittes in the south and minority Kurds in the northeast. But the big question is whether Sunni Arab Muslims, who form the core of the insurgency, will defy rebel threats

and boycott calls from their clergy and participate in substantial numbers.

In a series of interviews Sunday on American television talk shows, U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte acknowledged an increase in rebel intimidation of Iraqi officials and security forces and noted serious security problems remain in the Sunni Trianele north and west of Baehdad.

"But security measures are being taken, by both the multinational forces here in Iraq as well as the Iraqi armed forces and po-

44 There will be some problematic areas. ... But even there, great efforts are being made to enable every Iraqi eligible to do so to be able to vote. ??

> John Negroponte U.S. Ambassador to Iraq

lice," Negroponte told "Fox News Sunday." "There will be some problematic areas ... But even there, great efforts are being made to enable every Iraqi eligible to do so to be able to vote."

Underscoring the threat, a speaker identifying himself as Abu Musab al-Zarqawi — the leader of Iraq's al-Qaida affiliate — condemned the election, branding candidates as "demi-idols" and saying those who vote for them "are infidels" — a clear threat to the safety of all those who participate in the balloting.

The speaker warned Iraqis to be careful of "the enemy's plan to implement so-called democracy in your country." He said the Americans have engineered the election to install Shiite Muslims in power. Al-Zarqawi has in the past branded Shittes as heretics.
Most of the insurgents are believed to be Sunni Arabs, who lost influence and privilege with the fall of their patron Saddam. Their ranks have been reinforced by non-Iraqi Arab extremists who have come to Iraq to wage holy war against the Americans.

In order to encourage as big a turnout of Sunnis as possible, U.S. and Iraqi troops have stepped up security operations in Baghdad, Mosul and other tense areas, rounding up hundreds of suspected insurgents. The U.S. command announced Sunday it

had arrested an undisclosed "top insurgent suspect" in Baghdad after hunting him for nearly a year. Sunni elder states-

man Adnan Pachachi, who is running for the National Assembly, told CNN's "Late Edition" that prospects for a good

Sunni turnout had improved somewhat in recent weeks but it was important that Sunnis be properly represented in the new government.

To shake public confidence in the elections, insurgents have accelerated attacks against Iraq's security services, trained by the Americans but plagued by leadership and morale problems, A major insurgent group, the Ansar al-Sunnah Army, posted a videotape Sunday on a Web site showing the assassination of an Iraqi army colonel captured in Mosul.

The tape showed a man in civilian clothes holding a military identification card. As the man sat in a chair, a masked gunman approached from his right and shot him in the head with a rifle.



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Marine Maj. Frank Shelton, far left, speaks with Iraqi troops. As a military adviser, he works and lives with Iraqi units. After a string of battlefield failures by Iraqi forces, the U.S. military has committed about 10,000 advisers to work directly with units in the coming months.

Building leaders in Iraq

Okinawa-based adviser works with Iraqis to form quality units

BY STEVE FAINARU
The Washington Post

MOSUL, Iraq — A dozen U.S. and Iraqi military officers dropped in on the Mosul police chief last week. After arriving this headquarters in their armored Humvees, the men crowled into the chief's office to discuss security for the Jan. 30 parliamentary elections.

An Iraqi special forces officer, Lt. Col. Adell Abbas, quickly took over. "I have everything I need to protect you," he assured the police chief.

The police chief appeared doubtful. He looked pleadingly around the room at the Americans, the real power in Mosul. What would they do to protect him? A Marine seated next to

Abbas intervened. "Sir, Colonel Adell and I are brothers," said Maj. Frank Shelton. "He has a picture of my daughter. I have a picture of his son. Anything we can do to assist you, that is our mis-

sion together."
Abbas, 39, is commander of the 2ard Battalion, 6th Brigade, Iraqi Intervention Force. Shelton, 35, intervention Force. In addition to keeping a photo of Abbas' 4-year-old son, Mussata, strapped to his left arm, Shelton, 35, intervention Force. Shelton, 35, intervention Force. Shelton, 35, inc. 15, inc

worn by Abbas and his men. Their intense relationship is part of a changing U.S. strategy to find a way out of Iraq. After a string of battlefield failures by the nascent Iraqi security forces, the U.S. military has committed as many as 10,000 advisers to work directly with Iraqi units in the coming months. The goal is to develop quality leaders who can prevent the units from falling apprevent the units from falling session in the security.

Shelton, an intense, 5-foot-7 fireplug whose father, Roy, was an American military adviser in Vietnam, said he and his team of eight U.S. advisers would continue to ride with the Iraqis in vulnerable, unarmored trucks as election day approaches.

He said he would stay as close as possible to Abbas, who has been told he has a \$20,000 bounty on his head, along with other

Iraqi battalion commanders.
U.S. commanders said they
were optimistic that the new adwisers would help the Iraqi security forces overcome their disappointing battlefield performances. In the most notorious incident,
last April, a group of frightened
Iraqi soldiers refused to fight insurgents in Fallujah. That incident crystallized what many
lieve that Iraqi troops are generally under-motivated and poorly
trained.

"If the new Iraq army does not stand, Iraq will be finished. The fate of Iraq and the fate of the army are one and the same," Abbas said

Sheltonholds a degree in political science from Vanderbilt University. He was a platoon commander during the American mission in Somalia in 1992.

After attending Ranger school and training as a naval parachutist and a Marine Combatant Diver, he had learned the multiple skills that the military was seeking for its Advisory Support Teams, or ASTs.

Out on the streets of Iraq, Shelton carries an M-4 assault rifle, a 9 mm Beretta, four fragmentation grenades and a Boker hunting knife that was a gift from his former father-in-law.

He carries hundreds of rounds of ammunition but said, "Mission success is me not firing a round."



Secret intel unit expands Rumsfeld's domain

BY BARTON GELLMAN The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon, expanding into the CIA's historic bailiwick, has created a new espionage arm and is reinterpreting U.S. law to give Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld broad authority over clandestine operations abroad, according to interviews with participants and documents

obtained by The Washington Post. The previously undisclosed orga nization, called the Strategic Support Branch, arose from Rumsfeld's written order to end his "near total dependence on CIA" for what is known as human intelli-

gence. Designed to operate without detection and under the defense secretary's direct control, the Strategic Support Branch deploys small teams of case officers, linguists, interrogators and technical specialists alongside newly empowered special operations forces.

Military and civilian partici-pants said in interviews that the new unit has been operating in se cret for two years - in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places they declined to name. According to an early planning memorandum to Rumsfeld from Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the focus of the intelligence initiative is on "emerging target countries such as Somalia, Yemen, Indonesia, Philippines and Georgia." Myers and his staff declined to be interviewed.

The Strategic Support Branch was created to provide Rumsfeld with independent tools for the "full spectrum of humint operations. according to an internal account of its origin and mission. Human intelligence operations, a term used in counterpoint to technical means such as satellite photography, range from interrogation of prisoners and scouting of targets in wartime to the peacetime recruitment of foreign spies. A recent Pentagon memo states that recruited agents may include "notorious figures" whose links to the U.S. government would be embarrassing if dis-

Perhans the most significant shift is the Defense Department's bid to conduct surreptitious mis sions, in friendly and unfriendly states, when conventional war is a distant or unlikely prospect - activities that have traditionally been the province of the CIA's Directorate of Operations Senior Rumsfeld advisers said those missions are central to what they called the department's predominant role in combating terrorist threats.

The Pentagon has a vast bureau

cracy devoted to gathering and analvzing intelligence, often in concert with the CIA, and news reports over more than a year have described Rumsfeld's drive for more and better human intelligence. But the creation of the esnionage branch, the scope of its clandestine operations and the breadth of Rumsfeld's asserted legal authority have not been detailed publicly before. Two longtime members of the House Intelligence Committee, a Democrat and a Republican, said they knew no details before being interviewed for this

Pentagon officials said they established the Strategic Support Branch using "reprogrammed" funds without explicit congression. al authority or appropriation. Defense intelligence missions, they said, are subject to less stringent

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parable operations by the CIA. Rumsfeld's dissatisfaction with the CIA's operations directorate, and his determination to build what amounts in some respects to a rival service, follows struggles with then-CIA Director George Tenet over intelligence collection priorities in Afghanistan and Iraq Pentagon officials said the CIA naturally has interests that differ from those of military commanders, but they also criticized its operations directorate as understaffed, slow-moving and risk-averse. A recurring phrase in internal Pentagon documents is the requirement for a human intelligence branch "directly responsive to tasking from SecDef." or Rumsfeld.

Rumsfeld's ambitious plans rely principally on elite forces from the Tampa- based U.S. Special Opera-

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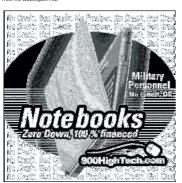
GIs sentenced in Iraqi interpreter's death

BAGHDAD - Two U.S. soldiers were sentenced to prison terms Saturday for the shooting death of an Iraqi interpreter in November at an Army base in Baghdad.

ne of the soldiers said that he and his colleague had been "joking and horseplaying" with the translator when the trigger was pulled on a pistol pointed at her head. The soldiers said they did not realize the

Spc. Charley Hooser, 28, of Midland, Texas, received a three-year term for involuntary manslaughter and filing a false report. Spc. Rami Daiani, 24, a Palestinian who attended school in the United States and served as an interpreter, was sentenced to 18 months for being an accessory after the fact and for filing a false report. Both men were or-

dered demoted to the rank of private and dishonorably discharged. The soldiers had originally told investigators that the interpreter, identified in court as Luma Hadi, 28, had accidentally shot hers cording to testimony at a courts-martial Saturday at Camp Victory near Baghdad. Both men pleaded guilty to the charges in an agreement with Army prosecutors and offered tearful apologies for the incident before they were sentenced.



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Ivweds Melania Knauss and Donald Trump

Trump marries for third time

By JILL BARTON The Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — The bride's gown was worth more than most American homes. Her diamond-studded ring cost more than many yachts.

But the groom's hair? Self-styled.

Donald Trump married Slovenian model Melania Knauss Saturday with all the glamour, glitz and gold that money and star power can buy.

Knauss walked down the aisle to "Ave Maria"

Knauss warked down the aisle to "Ave Mara" and guests broke into applause when the real estate mogul-turned reality TV star kissed the bride. The couple slipped into Trump's Mercedes-Benz Maybach parked near a side entrance after the 30-minute ceremony and drove past hundreds of

cheering spectators with the help of a police escort
"Oh, it was beautiful. It was all just lovely," singer Tony Bennett said

Another guest, Kathy Hilton, the mother of hotel heiress Paris Hilton, said "it was very ro-mantic. Everything was just beautiful. She looked like a princess. They exuded confidence." And when The Donald kissed the bride? "It was very romantic, and it was a long one," Hilton said.

The setting for the opulent reception was Trump's newly unveiled \$42 million Versailles-inspired ballroom at his Mar-a-Lago estate and club in Palm Beach, complete with 24-karat gold mold-ings, custom-made crystal chandeliers and marble floors covering 11,000 square feet

About 400 people lined the street outside the church Saturday afternoon for a glimpse of a ce-- or even the bride. Cheers erupted as the limousines began dropping off guests and a few yelled, "It's George!" when Trump business and

legal adviser George Ross arrived.

The guest list offered a mix of European royalty, Hollywood celebrity and Palm Beach money, including "The Apprentice" producer Mark Burnett. Other guests included television personalities Barbara Walters, Star Jones, Matt Lauer, Kelly Ripa, Regis Philbin and former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

The nuptials marked the third trip down the aisle for Trump, 58, and came just days after the start of the third season of his TV show.

Guests were also to include New York Gov. George Pataki, singer Billy Joel, and possibly royalty. Prince Charles and Prince Albert of Monaco reportedly received invitations.
About 400 guests RSVP'd to attend, said Pat Say

lor, Mar-a-Lago's catering and special events di rector. The wedding took place two miles away at a classic, garden-studded stone church, the Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, next to the

Breakers resort golf course.

But what's typically among the biggest surprises for the guests and groom — the wedding gown

- had already been seen.

Knauss, 34, posed for a traditional pre-wedding portrait in the gown and her \$1.5 million engage-ment ring and untraditionally shared it with the world on the cover of Vogue magazine. The Christian Dior original, which reportedly cost \$200,000, had 300 feet of satin and a 13-foot train that took 550 hours to embroider.

It weighed 50 pounds — so much that the bride planned to slip into a lighter Vera Wang dress after the couple's first dance.

Who doesn't love you, Ving?

Critics, for starters: They don't see him as Kojak

BY LISA DE MORAES

The Washington Pos

LOS ANGELES - TV critics drove Ving Rhames to tears recently, after which they pounced on a maternal Bravo network suit who tried to protect Ben Affleck from suffering the

Rhames was here at Winter Television Press Tour 2005 to promote his remake of the cop series "Kojak" on USA Net-

work, now owned by NBC Universal. Some of the critics didn't seem real happy about the "Kojak" remake, in which Rhames takes the role of Lt. Theo Kojak made famous by Telly Savalas.

In particular they seemed to have trouble getting their heads around the idea of an African American in a role that had been very Greek American in the original.

Early in the session, Rhames said he never watched "Kojak" while growing up in Harlem in the '70s: "Who wanted to see a white man arresting some black people. ... I saw that every day." That was perhaps not the most diplomatic way to address critics' qualms, even though Rhames added that sometimes while learning his lines he feels Savalas' spir-

"It seems like you're sort of banking on people only vague ly remembering" the original series, another critic com-plained to the panel, which included co-stars Chazz Palminteri and Roselyn Sanchez, executive producer Tom Thayer

and USA Network chief Bonnie Hammer.
"What." the critic asked, "besides borrowing a few iconic ideas, do you do with a show like this

Thayer replied that "it's a whole new ballgame" that is "all about Ving Rhames" but that using the Kojak name "gets you in the door." Ouch.

"So why wouldn't you just start from scratch and come up with another name...." the critic asked testily.

"Because, hello, it's a pre-sold title, silly, and in this age of a couple hundred channels, any time you come up with some way to pre-sell a new series, you take it, and shouldn't you know that if you cover this indus-try?" is, of course, what someone on the panel should have replied.

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But, alas, Thayer gave the "this is new, entirely new" thing another shot, while Hammer went with "from the network's point of view ... we had an amazing character, who is a real kick-ass but with a heart," and Rhames said something about many actors having played James Bond This only fueled the flame.

"Kojak was a very ethnic character," one critic said. Another asked, "Does the two-hour pilot address the issue of how an African-American guy ended up with the name Theo Kojak?"

Rhames did a good job with that one: "My real first name, and I know I look like a nice Jewish guy, is Irv-And still the critics wouldn't let go. Another wanted

to know how the new show planned to handle the original series's famous catchphrase "Who loves you, "Let me see — 'Who loves to get medieval on your [hei-

nie]?" " Rhames answered.

"That was a serious question," the critic shot back
"That was a serious answer," Rhames replied.

Rhames seemed to be doing great against this mostly hostile television press corps, but the quizzing took a toll. At the end of the Q&A session, one critic asked Rhames how often he thinks back to that night at the Golden Globe Awards in 1998 when he won best actor in a TV miniseries for "Don King: Only in America" and handed the trophy over to his competitor Jack Lemmon. Did he really let Lemmon keep the trophy, the critic wanted to know

The big guy cracked.
"I thank God that He used me in that moment to really show what I think being an artist is about," Rhames said, his eves beginning to tear up.

"So often I think this industry pushes almost a competition between actors, and that's why, for me, even though this is called 'Kojak,' this is to me, it's USA, it's NBC, it's Universal, it's Chazz Palminteri, it's Roselyn Sanchez, ... I think it takes a village to raise a good television show."

Rhames continued, his voice catching, tears slipping down his cheek: "So for me, it's - and I mean no offense by this, but whether the name is Kojak or Lopez ... what I'm trying to do as an artist and as a man and as part of my legacy on this planet is show how similar we are, how if I take any kid and raise him in the ghetto in Harlem and he goes out and kills someone or steals from someone ... the system is set up so that kid is damn near born in a trap, ... I'm trying to get the world to see that there's really not that much difference between you and I. And my name really doesn't matter.

"Hopefully my heart and my spirit matters to you.

We have time for one more question," Hammer said brightly from the stage as Rhames sat weeping and critics looked on uncomfortably

"Actually, I think that's a great note to end on," she said.



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7	AFN-ATL	(5:46) Oprah Win- frey (CC)	(:35) Guiding Ligh	(CC)	(:17) General Hos- nital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				I Spy (CC)	Animaniacs
8	NEWS	Hardball With Chri	s Matthews	The O'Reilly Facto		FOX News (CC)		Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends			American Morning	
9	SPORTS	•(5:00) NBA Baske	etball Teams to Be A	nnounced. (Taped)	ONFL Live	SportsCenter		•Women's College Basketball Duke at		North Carolina. (Taped)		SportsCenter	
10	SPEC	The Simpsons Homer joins the Peace Corps. (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond Robert's Italian girl.	Star Trek: Enterpri Former foes, the Ar Enterprise against t	dorian's help the	CSI: Crime Scene i ever" A racehorse a trainer on a private	pparently kills its	American Experier ness: The Story of a matician John Forbi	nce "A Brilliant Mad- lohn Nash" Mathe-	Friends Monica feels slighted by Rachel. (CC)	Seinfeld George wonders why girl- friend left. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart (CC)	Blind Date (CC)
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60	NICK	Hey Arnold! Arnold is benched; troublemaker	Zoey 101 Zoey at- tends a private boarding school.	The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius		SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide (CC)	Fatherhood The family dog disap- pears. (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Ashley's boyfriend.	The Fresh Prince	The Cosby Show (CC)	Roseanne Past television moms inin Roseanne	Roseanne Past television moms ioin Roseanne
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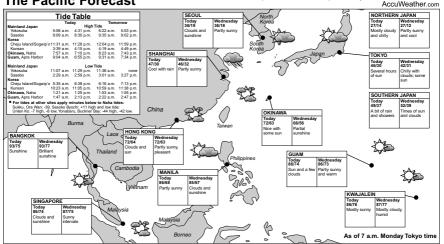
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Thursday: Partly sunny, high 45, low 39. Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine

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Thursday: Partly sunny, high 65, low 57 Friday: Showers high 70, low 62,

SEOUL

Thursday: Mostly sunny, high 33, low 20. Friday: Partly sunny high 36, low 14.

MANILA

Thursday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 69. Friday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 71,

HAGATNA

Thursday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 74. Friday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 74.

Sunday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	58/34	Los Angeles	74/52
Amarillo	60/32	Little Rock	36/20
Anchorage	35/24	Louisville	26/16
Asheville	26/8	Miami	75/42
Baltimore	23/8	Milwaukee	21/15
Birmingham	40/19	Nashville	29/16
Bismarck	42/26	New York	21/5
Boise	45/30	Omaha	32/25
Boston	14/8	Orlando	58/30
Brownsville	59/42	Philadelphia	21/5
Buffalo	8/0	Phoenix	77/57
Burlington	5/-3	Pittsburgh	16/2
Charleston, St	C 45/16	Portland, OR	59/42
Charlotte	33/14	Portland, ME	13/0
Cleveland	15/9	Salt Lake City	39/27
Columbus, OF	18/5	St. Louis	29/24
Duluth	21/17	San Antonio	51/30
El Paso	55/38	San Diego	69/54
Hartford	19/5	San Juan	82/70
Helena	50/23	Tampa	56/30
Indianapolis	19/10	Tulsa	40/28
Jacksonville	46/18	Washington	23/13
Kansas City	34/27	Wichita	40/28



U.S. Extended Forecast

Unsettled weather will dominate the Northwest and West Coast Tuesday and Wednesday. A series of storms will bring rain and mountain snow to Washington, Oregon and northern California. The rain will be unwelcome as the region has suffered through a very wet winter. Cold weather will remain over Northeast through the middle of the week. A storm will bring fresh snow to the Great Lakes and Northeast Tuesday night and Wednesday, High pressure will keep the Southeast and Gulf Coast dry. Southerly winds will warm the Plains. Daytime temperatures will climb into the 50s and 60s across Kansas. Nebraska and Oklahoma.

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Beijing	31/15	Kadena AB	72/63	Sapporo	27/14	Athens	57/42	Buenos Aires	79/61	Kiev	20/8	New Delhi	59/35
Camp Casey	36/16	Kunsan AB	40/25	Seoul	36/19	Auckland	73/59	Cairo	69/50	Kuwait	62/40	Oslo	21/16
Christchurch	71/56	Kwajalein	86/76	Shanghai	47/30	Baghdad	56/37	Cancun	75/62	London	35/28	Paris	26/17
Diego Garcia	87/78	Manila	86/68	Singapore	86/74	Barbados	87/69	Cape Town	76/56	Madrid	39/24	Rio de Janeiro	84/75
Hagatna	86/74	Misawa AB	35/18	Sydney	79/59	Barcelona	36/20	Geneva	21/16	Mexico City	68/43	Rome	35/21
Hanoi	78/67	Osan	38/17	Taegu	44/24	Berlin	24/16	Istanbul	52/43	Montreal	9/-3	St. Petersburg	14/1
Hong Kong	72/64	Perth	88/63	Taipei	77/61	Bermuda	58/53	Jerusalem	57/41	Mogadishu	91/74	Stockholm	23/17
Honolulu	82/68	Pusan	45/29	Tokyo	46/30	Brussels	30/18	Johanneshurg	85/64	Moscow	13/2	Warsaw	24/12



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Headlines make a statement

I was sorely disappointed by the poor taste of Stars and Stripes' Jan. 16 front page on which editors juxtaposed the headline "Women in combat prohibition to remain" with a second headline, "Soldier to 'Swan': Army captain regains confidence, femininity through TV makeover odyssey" - accompanied by before and after pictures of the

newly crowned Capt. DeLisa Stiles, no less. I have no quarrel with Capt. Stiles - I respect her ability to make the changes in her life that she desires and in the manner that she sees fit. I do, however, have a problem with the fact that Stripes ran this story toe-to-toe with the women-in-combat-prohi bition headline on the front page.

While I appreciate that Stars and Stripes may have hoped to address the irony inher-ent in the near-simultaneous scheduled air-ing of Stiles' makeover on "The Swan" and the Army secretary's recent statement, the fact remains that this front page implies that women should abandon the struggle to serve in combat and instead focus on being beauty queens.

Frankly, that is the kind of stereotype and attitude many women join the military hoping to leave behind. (As if a woman can't be a soldier and be feminine at the same time!) Apparently, the U.S. armed forces still have plenty of work to do in the gender-equality arena

Tom Berryman

Clear picture of Okinawa cable

It has been almost a year since Mediatti took over Okinawa's cable television service. There have been many changes since then, some good and some not so good.

In May, the late fee was raised. In August.

subscribers were greeted with new chan-nels, while some old channels disappeared. Subscribers fought and won to get Fox News Channel restored. It took several more months than planned for Mediatti to offer islandwide cable Internet service. An entire neighborhood that has been in building stages for more than a year and has had residents since September is just now being offered cable and cable Internet ser-

Mediatti has failed to communicate changes in a timely manner with its customers.
The American Forces Network Family channel suddenly changed from Channel 4 to Channel 13 without notice. Only customers purchasing premium channels are given a andy-dandy channel guide. Sometimes a short note comes with a subscriber's bill: however, it is printed on the stub that cus

tomer is supposed to return with payment. Since Mediatti seems to think that the only way to communicate with its customers is through local media outlets, I have

some questions: ■ During the September Camp Foster town hall meeting, the Mediatti representa-tive said A&E would be back in the channel lineup soon. When?

■ Why is there still a Japanese voiceover on the BBC during the evening?

■ Why does the program guide (Channel 2) still have missing channels

■ When changes are made, why are they not listed on Channel 2? **Doonesbury Flashbacks**

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- How come the weekly television guide in Stars and Stripes still has many channels (USA, TNT, Bravo) not listed [in the pro
- gram guidel? ■ Why are some channels on Mountain Time, as opposed to the advertised "West Coast" Pacific Time? This means that when a show says it will be on at 11 p.m., it is on
- two or three hours earlier. ■ When are subscribers going to be able to pay online (also promised at the September town hall meeting)?
- Why is the Fox channel a local network and not the national version? I don't really care about the weather or crime in San
- Why can't Mediatti send out announcements about changes, imminent cable work or other pertinent information inside the billing statements? Counting on subscribers to hear the information on AFN Radio is foolish. Plus, is that AFN Radio's job
- Why isn't Nickelodeon live anymore? I will give Mediatti its due kudos. The cable Internet is hands down better than dialup service. The connections were slower in December, but I have heard that this prob lem is being addressed. It is great to have TNT, USA, Bravo, HGTV and the other new channels. The discounted rate offered to subscribers who prepaid for a year is awesome. Having all the AFN channels 13 and below is a nice feature. And while many moms and kids miss PRS Mediatti did a fair ly good job of explaining that situation.

So while Mediatti has made some improvements, there is still more work to be done. I hope that these questions have answers and that somehow the subscribers will have access to those answers

Susan Petersen

Gonzales not right fit for GIs

As retired professional military leaders of the U.S. armed forces, we are deeply con-cerned about the nomination of Alberto R. Gonzales to be attorney general. We feel that his views concerning the role of the

Geneva Conventions in U.S. detention and terrogation policy and practice have put soldiers in harm's way.

During his tenure as White House coun-sel, Mr. Gonzales appears to have played a significant role in shaping U.S. detention and interrogation operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Guantanamo Bay and elsewhere. Today, it is clear that these operations

fostered greater animosity toward the United States

undermined our intelligence-gathering efforts; and

■ added to the risks facing our troops serving around the world. Refore Mr. Gonzales assumes the position

of attorney general, it is critical to understand whether he intends to adhere to the positions he adopted as White House counsel or chart a revised course more consistent with fulfilling our nation's complex security interests — and maintaining a military that operates within the rule of law.

Among his past actions that concern us most, Mr. Gonzales wrote to the president on Jan. 25, 2002, advising him that the Geneva Conventions did not apply to the conflict then under way in Afghanistan. The reasoning Mr. Gonzales advanced in this memo was rejected by many military leaders at the time, including Secretary of State Colin Powell, who argued that abandoning the Geneva Conventions would put our soldiers at greater risk and would "reverse over a century of U.S. policy and practice in sup-porting the Geneva Conventions." Perhaps most troubling of all, the White

House decision to depart from the Geneva Conventions in Afghanistan went hand in hand with the decision to relax the defini-tion of torture and to alter interrogation doctrine accordingly. These changes in doctrine have led to uncertainty and confusion in the field, contributing to the abuses of detainees at Abu Ghraib [prison in Iraq] and elsewhere, and undermining the mission and morale of our troops.

The full extent of Mr. Gonzales' role in endorsing or implementing the interrogation practices the world has now seen remains unclear. A series of memos that were prepared at his direction in 2002 recommended official authorization of harsh interrogation methods, including waterboarding, feigned suffocation and sleep deprivation.

The United States' commitment to the Geneva Conventions — the laws of war flows not only from field experience, but also from the moral principles on which this country was founded, and by which we all continue to be guided. We urge senators to take into account the

effects of Mr. Gonzales' advice on U.S. detention and interrogation policy and prac-

tice Marine Brig, Gen, David M. Brahms (Ret.)

Carlshad, Calin The letter also was signed by Army Brig Gen. James Cullen (Ret.), Army Brig. Gen. Evelyn P. Foote (Ret.), Army Lt. Gen. Rob-ert Gard (Ret.), Navy Vice Adm. Lee F.

Gunn (Ret.), Navy Rear Adm. Don Guter (Ret.), Marine Gen. Joseph Hoar (Ret.), Navy Rear Adm. John D. Hutson (Ret.), Army Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy (Ret.), Air Force Gen. Merrill McPeak (Ret.), Army Maj. Gen. Melvyn Montano (Ret.) and Army Gen. John Shalikashvili (Ret.).

BY GARRY TRUDEAU







OPINION

Sunnis don't want minority rule blown up

BY ROBERT ZELNICK

very time I hear advocates for Iraq's Sunni Muslims urge postponement of the Jan. 30 vote, I recall legendary lawyer Louis Nizer's story about dissenting members of a corporate board of directors who, after tossing their colleagues out the window, promptly moved to adjourn for the absence of a quo

The Sunnis have reason to be unhappy. For nearly a century under the assortment of kings and cutthroats that ran Baghdad, they dominated Iraq. The Shiites in the South outnumbered them nearly 3 to 1 and the Kurds in the north were their numerical equal. But Sunnis dominated the government, the military, the police, higher education, business and the Baath political party. Moreover, when Saddam Hussein chased the starving and frozen Kurds to the mountains of Turkey and turned his southern guns on the Shiites, killing 300,000 of them. the Sunnis were not at risk. In a democratic society, or even one with rough representa tive government, their influence would more reflect their numbers.

Small wonder that military and political insurgents, not to mention the terrorists who roll car bombs into crowded markets, massa cre police trainees and slit the throats of aid dispensers, have come mainly from the ranks of Sunnis about to see political power redistributed. Small wonder their four provinces are the least secure among Iraq's eigh-

The arguments for delaying the vote are not entirely frivolous.

Mainstream Sunni political and religious leaders say they need time for things to settle down. Their voices are augmented by a sprinkling of Americans who see the risk of greater violence, even civil war, if the Sunnis are dealt substantially out of the game. Hold off the elections, they urge. Revise the voting formula to ensure representation from the Sunni geographic regions. Then hold a vote.

But postponement carries even greater risks. One is the awful precedent of rewarding terrorism. Scuttle an election because of insurgent treachery and the likely result would be more, not less treachery. This is a volatile area where limiting the plebiscite to those of saintly disposition would be futile. But as we have seen recently in the case of the Palestinians, a minimal commitment to shun violence is a fair price to pay for participation in the political process. One must choose between the ballot and the gun.

An even greater danger would be delivering a political insult of devastating proportion to Iraq's Shiites. If Sunni violence can delay majority rule, then Shiites might conclude that their own violence can restore it. And a Shiite-Sunni clash would provide all kinds of opportunities for mischief to Iran. the neighboring Shiite power.

Far better to hold the scheduled elections



for the 275-member legislature charged with drafting a constitution, and reach out to the Sunnis through that body. Some might be brought immediately into government. The constitution can be tailored to protect regional as well as religious representational interests, just as women are guaranteed 20 percent of the seats in the new legislature

Dissenters ask whether an election where some can't vote can pass the test of international legitimacy. Which brings us back to Nizer and his quorum call.

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Nixed bombing of Auschwitz could have saved lives

BY STEPHEN J. SOLARZ AND RAFAEL MEDOFF

PHILADELPHIA orld leaders will gather at Auschwitz, site of the former Nazi death camp, tomorrow to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Allies' liberation of the camp. The event will help focus needed atten-

tion on the horrors of genocide, then and now. But it will be haunted by the knowledge that, in 1944, Allied bomber pilots had Auschwitz within their gun sights, yet were never given the order to attack

George McGovern was one of those pi lots. McGovern, the former U.S. senator from South Dakota and 1972 Democratic presidential nominee, recently spoke on camera for the first time about his experiences as one of the American pilots who flew over Auschwitz

In a meeting with interviewers from Israel Television and the David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies. McGovern recalled his days as the pilot of a B-24 Liberator in the 455th Bomb Group, targeting German synthetic oil plants in occupied Po land - many of them within a few miles of the Auschwitz gas chambers.

After the Allies gained control of Foggia Air Base in Italy in December 1943, Auschwitz was for the first time within striking distance of Allied planes.
In June 1944, U.S. diplomats and Jewish

leaders in Switzerland received a detailed report about Auschwitz, prepared by two escapees. They described the mass-murder facilities, and drew diagrams showing where the gas chambers and crematoria were located.

As a result, Jewish organizations repeatedly asked the Roosevelt administration to order the bombing of Auschwitz and the railroad lines leading to the camp

The War Department rejected the pro-posals as "impracticable," claiming such raids would require "considerable diver-

sion" of planes needed for the war effort. U.S. officials claimed to have conducted a 'study" that found that bombing chwitz was not militarily feasible. But no evidence of the alleged study has ever

Ironically, military resources were diverted for various other nonmilitary reasons. Secretary of War Henry Stimson blocked the Air Force's plan to bomb the Japanese city of Kyoto, because of the city's artistic treasures, and his deputy, John McCloy - who rebuffed many of the requests to bomb Auschwitz - diverted U.S. bombers from striking the German city of Rothenburg because of its famous medieval architecture. Gen. George Patton even diverted U.S. troops to rescue 150 Lipizzaner horses in Austria.

The administration's "diversion" argument was just "a rationalization," McGovern said in the interview. How much of a "diversion" would it have been, when he and other U.S bomber-pilots already were flying over the area? In the summer and fall of 1944, the Allies repeatedly bombed the oil refineries near Auschwitz — at a time when hundreds of Jews were being gassed daily in the camp

On Dec. 26, for instance, McGovern's squadron dropped 50 tons of bombs on oil facilities in Monowitz, an industrial section of Auschwitz, located less than five miles from the site where 1.6 million people were murdered from 1942 to 1944.

"There is no question we should have at-tempted ... to go after Auschwitz," McGov-ern said. "There was a pretty good chance we could have blasted those rail lines off the face of the earth, which would have interrupted the flow of people to those death chambers and we had a pretty good chance of knocking out those gas ovens.

Even if there was a danger of accidentally harming some of the prisoners, "it was certainly worth the effort, despite all the risks," he noted, because the prisoners were already "doomed to death" and an Allied bombing attack might have slowed down the mass-murder process and saved many more lives.

"Franklin Roosevelt was a great man and he was my political hero," McGovern said. "But I think he made two great mistakes in World War II.

"One was the internment of Japa-nese-Americans," he said, and the other was the decision "not to go after Auschwitz. ... God forgive us for that tragic miscalculation One hopes the world leaders meeting at

the Auschwitz site this week will reflect not only upon the savagery of the Nazis, but also on the role of bystanders, then and now.

As McGovern emphasized, the Auschwitz experience should produce "a determination that never again will we fail to ex-ercise the full capacity of our strength in that direction ... we should have gone all out against Auschwitz, and we must never again permit genocide.

Stephen J. Solarz, a New York Democrat, served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1975 to 1993. Rafael Medoff is director of The David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies, which focuses on issues related to America's response

Mallard Fillmore



BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Animal cruelty

NM ROSWELL — A rou tine traffic stop led to the discovery of more than 60 sick and hungry cats in the back of a movdriven van by 71-year-old woman.

Mary Jane Lyle pleaded not guilty to multiple counts of animal cruelty at a court appearance. She was being held in a Chaves County detention center.

If she is prosecuted, the charges carry possible prison time.

An officer pulled over the van because one of its taillights was out. While the officer was talking to Lyle, he heard noises coming from the back

The cats were turned over to local animal control officers.

Mom gives son crack

MO KANSAS CITY — A mother has been arrested on charges that she gave crack to her 4-year-old son to "calm him

Michelle R. Shelton, 32, of Kansas City, was arrested on a child endangerment charge.

Police said the boy did not suffer any obvious injuries from taking the highly addictive drug. He remains in state custody

Do as I say, not as I do

MT HELENA — The new director of the state Transportation Department owned a concrete company when it was charged with nearly 1.000 violations of overweight truck laws enforced by the same agency he now heads, according to court records.

Jim Lynch's company paid \$63,550 in fines in 1991, but he said the state was making an example out of Pack & Co. Inc. at a time when it was common practice among concrete and paving companies to operate overloaded trucks.

Lynch, who took office Jan. 3 but still faces Senate confirmation, said the case does not affect his ability to he transportation chief

Gov. Brian Schweitzer said he was aware of the charges filed against Lynch's business, and that he talked with Lynch about the matter before nominating him. The violations did not give him pause about choosing Lynch, he said.

No date for Lynch's confirmation hearing has been set.

New city parking fees

RUTLAND — There's nothing like a new \$3 parking fee to get people to look elsewhere for a space to leave their vehicles That's what city officials have dis-

covered since beginning to charge for parking in a 600-space public garage that formerly had been free

Some motorists have sought out city lots with cheaper fees, while others have tried to sneak in for free at privately-owned parking areas

The four-story parking deck on West Street hasn't exactly gone unused: More than 400 people have long-term passes to the deck and 30 to 40 other motorists are paying on a daily basis to park there, state officials said

Giant squid wash ashore

CA NEWPORT BEACH — Hundreds of giant squid are washing up on Orange County



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

beaches, creating a scene more akin to "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" than "The O.C."

The bug-eyed sea creatures, believed to be Humboldt squid, normally reside in deep water and come to the surface only at night. Why approximately 500 of them began washing up on the sands of Laguna Beach and Newport Beach isn't clear.

Authorities said the squid — the biggest weighing 17 pounds might have been pursuing bait fish and gotten too close to shore, or the tides might simply have carried them in.

Authorities plan to remove the squid and will give at least a cou-ple to the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History for research.

Good deed rewarded

NC CONCORD — Edwin Workman and Todd Little will be treated like VIPs at NASCAR's Nextel All-Star Challenge. The men, both sanitation work-

ers, returned 51 \$100 bills folded in a money clip in the pocket of a shirt tossed in the garbage Dec. 31. The cash was more than two months' combined take-home pay for the two men.

We were raised right and we immediately knew what the right thing to do was and that was to return the money back to the proper



Lifesavers at work Firefighters battle a blaze in Clinton Township, Pa. The fire burned out of control for more than two hours and five people were left homeless but no one was injured, according to Montgomery Borough

owner as soon as possible," Little said. Humpy Wheeler,

president and general manager of Lowe's Motor Speedway, was so impressed with the men's honesty he decided to re-ward them. Wheeler arranged for VIP tickets to NEXTEL All-Star Challenge on May 21, with reserved parking and a pre-race pit tour.
"NASCAR is a working

man's sport and you guys are honest, hard-working people," Wheeler told them.

Homework lawsuit

WI MILWAUKEE — A student whose vacation plans were spoiled has sued to end summer homework in Wisconsin, claiming it creates an unfair workload and unnecessary stress.

Peer Larson, 17, had lined up a dream camp counselor job last June, but honors pre-calculus homework turned his summer into a headache.

"It didn't completely ruin my summer, but it did give me a lot of undue stress both at home and at work," the high school junior said. T just didn't have the energy or the time for it

Larson and his father sued in Milwaukee County Circuit Court seeking the end of summer homework across the state. They argue that homework shouldn't be required after the required 180-day school year is over.

School administrators have told the family that honors courses require some summer work.

Whitnall School Superintendent Karen Petric said the district did its best to address the Larsons' con-

Desegregation case

AZ TUCSON — The Tucson Unified School District asked a federal judge to declare that the district is now integrated. That would close a decades-old desegregation case. The district has been working under a 1978 settlement, changing attendance boundaries and creating more magnet schools to comply with federal law.

Surgery souvenir

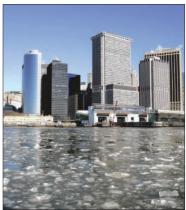
PA DANVILLE — A woman is suing a doctor who operated on her, accusing him of leaving a 4-inch metal instrument inside her uterus

In her lawsuit, Lori Klinger, 35, said she experienced severe pain after Dr. Samuel Owusu per-formed a diagnostic laparoscopy on her in November 2002 to check for endometriosis, a condition where some of the uterus lining is found outside the uterus

She said when she called Owusu later complaining of pain, he said it was normal and told her to take pain medication.

Two days later, she went to the bathroom and an instrument emerged from her vagina, the lawsuit said. Klinger said it was sharp on one end with a rubber bulb on the other

This mistake happens at least once a year at hospitals that perform 8,000 to 18,000 surgeries a year, despite the regular use of checklists to account for instruments used during operations, said Ramona Conner of the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses.



Big, Frozen Apple

Ice floats in New York Harbor with the skyline of lower Manhattan as a backdrop. The city was bracing for what was expected to be the area's biggest snowfall so far this winter.



Members of the Harker Heights Getting their kicks Parks and Recreation Blizzard peewee soccer team work out during an evening practice beneath the setting sun in Harker Heights, Texas.



Where's breakfast?

Donkeys stand in a snowcovered barnyard near Radford, Va., waiting for their morning helping of hav, Southwestern Virginia received its first significant snow of the season last week.



Big air Surfer Jesse Columbo of Santa Cruz, Calif., gets nice air while surfing in Monterey Bay.



Flush likes luxury Amanda Schnoor of Chowchilla, Calif., leads her Maine Angus crossbred named Flush into the statety Brown Palace Hotel in downtown Denver for display at the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo.



Slick sledding Christoph Roeer and his 2-year-old son, Henri, enjoy the snow in Maymont Park in Richmond, Va.



Don't Worry — it's not real Aaron Wild, 20, of Honeoye, N.Y., transformed a snow bank pile on the front yard of his girlfriend's house in Bloomfield, N.Y., into a giant turtle. He is seen here coloring the body of the turtle. Wild said the project took him about 20 hours over several days to complete.

Peeping Tom crackdown

MONTPELIER — A Senate committee is working on a bill that would make it illegal to lurk outside and look into people's homes

The bill would also make it illegal to photograph a person naked or partially clothed without permission in a place where the person should expect privacy, including homes, locker rooms and restrooms.

The committee debated whether that should exempt store security cameras or private detectives.

Some of the details of the bild drew concerns from the American Civil Liberties Union Executive Direct Allen Gilbert said he's worreid about people being entrapped by the law since it can be a fine line between walking by someone's house versus peering in imprudently. Gilbert told the committee with some modifications he's close to being able to accept the bill.

Social promotion debate

TAMPA — Bolstered by statistics showing students who are held back benefit from remedial education, the Florida Board of Education decided to ask lawmakers to end "social promotion" at all grade levels.

Board officials said it would be an important step in ensuring students are prepared when they are promoted to the next grade. However, details of how the state would handle the tens of thousands of children who wouldn't advance have not yet been worked out.

Right now, only third-graders in Florida have to show they read at the appropriate skill levels before they are promoted to the fourth grade. Those who are held back can attend summer reading camps or repeat the third grade.

The issue is a touchy one for parents, who often fight having their children held back.

Sheep take over mowing

AR DUTCH MILLS — It's not as cold in northwest Arkansas as it is in Iceland, but a flock of Icelandic sheep doesn't seem to mind.

Dennis and Marilyn Miles say their Icelandic flock in southwest Washington County is the only one in the state.
"We had some friends here a

year ago in October," said Marilyn Miles. "Dennis told them how much time he spent mowing. Our friends said we ought to get some sheep."

The Miles did some research and were intrigued by what they found out about the breed from Ice-land, the island nation in the North Atlantic Ocean. The breed is 1,100 years old, and Dennis Miles describes them as "maintenance-free."

The sheep cost about \$700 to \$1,000 a head, she said.

Mother Goose gear gone

ROCK HILL — Police want this tale of a stolen Mother Goose costume to end happily ever after.

Jane Hayes said someone stole her Mother Goose outfit after shattering a rear window in her minivan

Hayes has worn the costume for the past 20 years, teaching at schools and during community

events

"It's not like you could wear it out and about. You'd get spotted in a minute," said Hayes, who is an environmental educator for Rock Hill's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department.

The thief also made off with \$300 in gift certificates.

Jackalope getting its due

CHEYENNE—The meadowlark, bison and horned toad are all official symbols of Wyoming. The jackalope, most elusive of the state's critters, may soon ioin the list.

The Wyoming House voted 45-12 to declare the part-antelope, part-jackrabbit as the state's official mythical creature. The legislation now goes to the state Senate. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Dave Ed-

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Dave Edwards, hopes his measure as a boon to retail sales of stuffed jackalones.

"It's highly possible it will certainly boost the tourism industry, which has a lot of gift shops and sells all kinds of different jackalones." he said.

Taxidermist Doug Herrick is credited with creating the first jackalope in 1939 by screwing antelope horns to a mounted jackrab-

Critical graffiti

NEW YORK — Say it, don't spray it.

Police arrested a man who allegedly found a messy way to complain about restaurants where he believed he had received poor service or been served bad food: graffiti.

Miguel Camacho, 29, was arrest-

ed after eluding police for six months, police said. He was suspected in more than 60 spray-painting incidents.

mark tag, "VAMP," on the outside of restaurants where he had negative experiences, said Lt. Thomas Conforti of the NYPD's 112th Precinct.

His targets included a pizzeria

in Queens that Camacho said served bad pizza, and a Chinese take-out restaurant in Rego Park where he believed he had been overcharged, police said.

New schools opening

CHICAGO — Ten new high schools and eight new elementary schools will open this fall, public school officials said.

Seven of the 18 will be charter schools. It's part of Mayor Richard M. Daley's plan to ease overcrowding and improve underperforming schools in the nation's third-largest school district.

State: Move billboard

ARLINGTON — The state
Transportation Department has told the Stillaguamish
Tribe to move a casino billboard
from Interstate 5.

Officials say the sign directing traffic to its Angel of the Winds Casino is too close to the exit, about a mile ahead.

Tribal officials declined to com-

ment. The tribe has nominated the casino land, currently zoned for agricultural use, for federal trust status.

Stories and photos from wire services

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J Horoscope

The full moon in creative Leo cheers on the spirit of play. One definition for the word "creative" comes from the Encarta World Dictionary: making imaginative use of limited resources available. Keep in mind that it's the limits that give us the impetus to imagine and bring new solutions into existence. The full moon pours forth

possibilities TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(January 25). The thing or nerson vou're waiting for is waiting for you, too. So stop waiting, and get active in your pursuit now! The next six weeks bring impressive progress in your personal life and put a sheen on your social connections. Adding one terrific person - possibly a Capricorn or Aries - to your circle will open an entire world of adventure.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You rank - it's obvious to everyone around you. There's a man in your realm who desperately wants your respect. You may have to walk cautiously through his place to avoid stepping on the names he'll drop.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

The social arena begs for your input You have something magical to add You'll need fodder to start the conversation, though, so delve into the day's headlines for some icebreakers. A new love is in the crowd.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Friends could mistake you for their therapist. At a certain point, you have to draw the line, or your energy is sucked into the void of unsolvable problems (only because some problems are not yours to solve).

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Loved ones require your understand ing more than ever. So what if you feel under-rehearsed or out of your league? Don't let fear stop you. You can deliver the goods exactly as needed

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some one is putting on a performance meant to impress you or win your

business. You'll probably be underwhelmed by your experience, but you can see the potential for growth there too

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may feel alone on your path

but you're not. You've got



while learning about what you don't know. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The puz-

zles vou face today are exactly the kind you usually figure out quickly except these problems have no foreseeable

solution, and you must act on faith. Accept that frustration is a normal part of business

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

The one you're interested in will never know unless you make a noticeable effort. Be funny. Risk being embarrassed. Tonight, quality family time makes you feel centered, connected and whole.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). You understand the importance of building and maintaining your own life. You know better than to look to someone else to provide it for you. As the song goes, "God bless the child that's got his own."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Concern about doing the wrong thing will undermine the integrity of your creative life. Be bold, even outrageous. You'll be happy later that you played by your own rules

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

All things seem possible, even the impossible ones. You don't mind at all that love relationshins ehh and flow; respect is what you're after, and you get it by giving it. Sagittarius is favored for love

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Killer career choices involve more than doing what you think will move you up the ladder. Delivering something totally unique is the secret to success. If others are already doing it, you shouldn't.

Peanuts



























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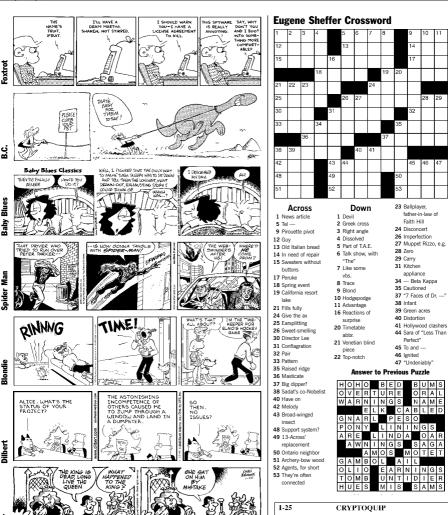
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT SOME SEASIDE
RESTAURANTS, THE BATHROOM DOORS MIGHT SAY "BUOYS" AND "GULLS."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals O

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argir

Dear Abby

Ways to support a grieving mother

Dear Abby: "Caring Friend in California" was at a loss about whether to hold a baby shower for her friend, whose baby was not expected to make it through the gestation period. You advised her that rather than

hold a shower, her friends should stay close and provide willing ears and shoulders to cry on.

A dear friend of my daughter's faced the same circumstances. We knew that if her baby survived delivery, it would be only a short time until the child was gone. What we did was to create a "memory box." We included a camera to take pictures of the baby, and a smaller version of a baby book to hold the footprints, hand prints, a lock of hair and, of course, the photos. We also

bought the infant a cross as she was immediately baptized. It gave the parents something ry of their baby. It wouldn't hurt for "Caring Friend" to contact the hospital as well, as it may have something already set up for people facing these circumstances.

- Hope in Minnesota Dear Hone: Those are wonderful suggestions. A woman named Michelle wrote me from Las Vegas to say that the March of Dimes has a bereave ment packet that could be helpful. In addition to information regarding the loss, it contains a memory book for the

lock of hair and/or footprint. The packet can be obtained from local March of Dimes offices. Read on:

Dear Abby: My heart breaks for the friend who will soon lose the child she has grown to love. I have known many mothers

and fathers who have lost children very young (even through miscarriage), and each one has treasured any reminder of the child they lost. Many hospitals have programs run by volunteers that provide a blanket and a tiny hat to be made available to the grieving parents. "Caring Friend" should give her friend the option of choosing gentle reminders of her love and strength in this time of need, or a small, quiet ceremony of her love to make things easier for her. My guess is she'll choose

- Mother of Four in Virginia

Dear Mother of Four: Thank you for the input. I received a stack of letters from readers echoing your sentiments and offering suggestions.

both, I know I would.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069, Readers can write by on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

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(Answers tomorrow) POKED INEPT LUNACY Answer An indifferent student can do this in

astronomy class - TAKE UP "SPACE"



"I don't know where the time goes either, Grandma, but I'll keep an eye out for it."

on't be in a rush to be kissed

Dear Annie: I just came back from my eighth-grade school trip. All of my friends were kissed, or they made out

with guys they met. I have a really good friend, "Nate," and we have a lot of fun just talking, and I don't want to push him into any-thing. But I feel really pressured to get physical with him because all my friends have done that

- Confused in Florida Dear Confused: You sound smarter than most of your friends, because you already know that pushing Nate into a physical relationship is a bad idea. Please don't allow these other girls to convince you that you're missing out if you don't have a boyfriend right now. You're not. You are discovering how to have the kind of friendship that provides the isis for a healthy, future relation ship - one that will last much longer than any of those kiss-and-tell sessions. Take your time and get it right.

Annie's Mailbox Dear Annie: Six months ago, my in-laws moved into a local senior apartment com-plex. At the time, my father-in-law gave all

his tools to my husband, and we placed them in our garage. The condition was that Dad would be able to come to our garage and use his tools Well, Annie, my father-in-law is in my

garage EVERY day. Worse, my husband left a key to our house in the garage and Dad often pops in while I am still asleep. Dad also thinks he is a personal escort for anyone who visits. Even the utility workers cannot enter without my father-in-law, and he insists they enter from the basement, which ns I have to go down there and lock it after they leave, since

I am usually the only person at home when Dad drops by. I feel like I have a baby-sitter. My husband is somewhat understanding. and we are working with some non-profit groups to see if we can

Dad never remembers.

get them interested in my father-in-law's mechanical talents, but if that doesn't work out, my husband refuses to do anything

that would limit his father's access to our home. I love my father-in-law dearly and don't want to hurt his feelings or take him away from his tools. Do you have any other sugges-

Ready To Burst

Daughter-in-Law Dear Ready To Burst: Your husband should tell his father that he is welcome to use the garage, but not the house. If he isn't willing to do this, approach your father-in-law and say, "Dad, I'm glad you feel comfortable here, but I'd rather you give me some notice before entering the house. Sometimes I'm not dressed. I'm going to keep the deadbolt locked until I am ready for company.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syncate, 577 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.







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24. Wisconsin (13-3) beat Michigan 77-61.

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23. Virginia Tech (12-4) lost to North Carolina State 76-75, OT; beat Clemson 81-65.
24. Purdue (11-7) lost to Penn State 77-54; beat No. 22 lowa 79-75. 25. UCLA (12-6) lost to No. 5 Stanford 100-75; beat California 85-70.

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Golf

Buick Invitational

Sunday
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At Torrey Pines North 6,874 yards
San Diego
Purse: \$4.8 million
Par: 72

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Men's World Cup slalom

At Kitzbuehel, Austria

1. Manfred Jarger, Austria, 1 minute,
31.51 seconds (44.52-47.15).

2. Mario
(44.52-46.71),
3. Ivica (Asstelle, Croatia,
4.4.91-46.84),
4. Rainey Schonzefeld,
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4. Rainer Schoenfelder, Austria, 1:31.84 (44.80-47.04). 5. Thomas Grandi, Canada, 1:32.16 (44.86-47.30). Schoenfelder, Austria, 1:31.84

. June 1:32.16 6. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 1:32.42 (45.33-47.09).

7. Pierrick Bourgeat, France, 1:32.50 (45.54-46.96).

(45.98-46.60). Raich, Austria, 1:32.58 (45.98-46.60).

9. Markus Larsson, Sweden, 1:32.62 (45.24-47.38).

49.24-4/.38). 10. Alois Vogl, Germany, 1:32.66 (45.46-47.20).

11. Patrick Thaler, Italy, 1:32.74 (46.08-46.66).

132.64 12. Ted Ligety, United States, 1:32.80 (46.20-46.60). 13. Jean-Pierre Vidal, France, 1:32.83 (45.21-47.62).

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(45.12-47.01).

18. Tom Rothrock, United States, 1:33.14 (45.06-48.08).

19. Andrej Sporn, Slovenia, 1:33.17 (45.64-47.53).

20. Johan Brolenius, Sweden, 1:33.30 (46.02-47.28).

22. Jukka Rajala, Finland, 1:33.98 (45.40-48.58).

23. Ryan Semple, Canada, 1:34.00 (45.99-48.01).

24. Cristian Deville, Italy, 1:34.00 (46.22-47.85), Mitja Valencic, Slovenia, 1:34.44 (46.23-48.21), Chio Notation 1:34.44

(4b.23-48.21). Chip Knight, United States; Jean-Philippe Roy, Canada; Bode Miller, United States Jesse Marshall, United States; and Patrick Biggs, Canada; did not qualify for second run.

run.
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Overall World Cup Standings (After 23 events)

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2. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 882.

3. Michael, Walchhofer, Austria, 641.
4. Hermann Maier, Austria, 630.
5. Daron Rahlves, United States, 436.

At Maribor, Slovenia

1. Anja Paersan, sweden, 1 minute 32.38
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seconds (45.50-46.80).
3. Tanja Poutlainen, Finland, 1:32.73
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4. Sarah Schleer, United States, 13:313
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12. Sabine Egger, Austria, 1:34.05 (46.97-47.08). 13. Veronika Zuzulova, Slovakia, 1:34.19 (46.76-47.43). (45.76-47.43).
14. Nika Fielss, Croatia, 1:34.23 (46.99-47.24).
15. Monika Bergmann, Germany, 1:34.23 (46.90-47.39).
16. Resi Stiegler, United States, 1:34.33 (47.15-47.18).

17. Julia Mancuso, United States, 1:34.55 (47.23-47.32). (47.25-47.32). Jelusic, Croatia, 1:34.51 18. Ana Jelusic, Croatia, 1:34.61 19. Tina Maze, Slovenia, 1:34.74 (47.26-47.48). 20. Floring Pr. 1

20. Florine De Leymarie, France, 1:34.86 (47.89-46.97). 21. Christine Sponring, Austria, 1:34.87 (47.76-47.11). (47.76-47.11).
22. Henna Ralta, Finland, 1:34.94 (80.5-46.89).
23. Maria Pietllae-Holmner, Sweden, 1:35.09 (47.71-47.88).
24. Christel Pascal, France, 1:35.20 (47.69-47.51).
25. Manuela Moelgg, Italy, 1:35.27 (47.8-47.81). 26. Karin Truppe, Austria, 1:35.29 (47.75-47.54).

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(After seven races)

1. x-Tanja Pouliainen, Finland, 520 points,
2. Marlies Schild, Austria, 355.
3. Kristina Koznick, United States, 355.
4. Janica Kostelic, Croatia, 320.
6. Sarah Schleper, United States, 237.
7. Monika Bergmann, Germany, 194.
8. Veronika Zuzulova, Slovakla, 195.
9. Sarka Zahrrobska, Czech Republic, 158.
10. Nicole Hosp, Austria, 144.

Deals

Saturday's transactions

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NEW YORK KNICKS—Announced the resignation of Lenny Wilkens, coach, Named
Herb Williams coach for the rest of the sea-

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MONTANA—Announced F Kamarr Davis are regained academic eigibility. the retirement of Lou Henson, mem's basketball coach.

oach. SYRACUSE—Named Scott Spencer second-rv coach and Bob Wylie offensive line

Pitt's defense too much for No. 16 UConn

Troutman helps lead No. 21 Panthers past their Big East rival

BY DONNA TOMMELLEO

The Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Chevon Troutman

and Pittsburgh's rugged defense were more than Connecticut could handle. In a matchup of Big East heavyweights, the No. 21 Panthers rallied from 17 points

down to upset the 16th-ranked Huskies 76-66 before a raucous UConn crowd. Troutman scored 25 of his career-high 29 points in the second half and the Panther defense did the rest holding UConn to

27 percent shooting in the final 20 minutes.
"We always dig oursevles a hole and we always come back," Troutman said. "We haven't been getting the big plays down the stretch and we've been taking plays off down the stretch. Tonight is a night when we dight take a play off down the stretch."

Pitt and UConn had split six meetings over the last three seasons and played each other in the conference tournament final the past three seasons. It was the first win for the Panthers on UConn's homecourt in five tries

The snowstorm that pounded the Northeast did little to deter UConn fans. Season-ticket holders who did not make the game donated about 3,000 tickets to students who helped fill the 10,000-seat Gampel Pavilion. And the crowd let the



Pittsburgh's Antonio Graves, left, takes the ball past Connecticut's Rashad Anderson, right, during the first half in Storrs, Conn., on Saturday.

Panthers hear it from the opening tip

But in the closing seconds they began quietly filing out in droves. Pitt guard Carl Krauser skipped over to the sidelines, grabbed his jersey and let the departing crowd know "We're not going to lose. We're the beast of the East."

Troutman was a beast in the second half.

The 6-foot-7 power forward scored 10 straight points midway through the second half and gave the Panthers (13-3, 3-2 Big East) their first lead at 55-54 with 8:14 left — and Pitt never gave it back.

"The guys did an unbelievable job getting it done," Pittsburgh coach Jamie The Huskies (11-4, 3-2) had a nine-point lead at the half but watched it dissolve because of poor shooting and the Panthers' tough post defense.

UConn went nearly nine minutes in the second half without a field goal, while Troutman went on his 10-0 run, built largely on inside baskets.

"We've lost four games this year and far and away this was the most disappointing," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said. "We completely got taken out of our offense."

It was a matchup of two of the best rebounding teams in the nation. UConn led the nation in rebounding margin (15.6) and the Panthers (10.6) were fifth coming into the game. The Huskies lived up to their billing in the first half, dominating inside even without star center 196h Boone, who was in early foul trouble.

Connecticut used runs of 9-0 and 8-0 in the first half to build a 17-point lead late in the period. They played solid both inside and out, riding the perimeter play of Rashad Anderson, who was 4-for-6 from three-point range in the half. The Huskies led 43-32 at the half

But the second half was all Pittsburgh. The Panthers outscored UConn 26-22 in the paint and came up with key blocks down the stretch. Troutman led Pittsburgh with 12 boards and had two of the Panthers' five blocks. Carl Krauser added 15 and Chris Taft had 10 for Pittsburgh.

Anderson led UConn with 19 points and Villanueva had 14 points and 10 boards.

"Troutman played a magnificent game," Calhoun said. "They did what we could not do. They executed their offense, took their time, took the shots they wanted."

Boston College hangs on vs. St. John's to stay unbeaten

BY JIM O'CONNELL

NEW YORK — Boston College coach Al Skinner isn't getting caught up in his Eagles being one of three remaining unbeaten teams in Division I.

"We're just trying to have success in our league. That's what counts with us," Skinner said after No. 9 Boston College beat St. John's 79-73 on Saturday night. "The 11-0 non-league mark is aiready in the books and for that to pay dividends we have to continue what we're doing."

Jared Dudley scored 19 points to lead Boston College's balanced offense to a win that extended the best start in school history and left the Eagles (16-0, 5-0 Big. East) three shy of the school-best winning streak set by the 1968-6 beam. It was the ninth straight road win for Boston College, which is in its final season in the Big East before moving to the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Top-ranked Illinois and No. 4 Duke are the other unbeatens as No. 2 Kansas lost earlier Saturday to Villanova.

Six of the seven players who saw action for Boston College scored at least nine points. Jermaine Watson, one of the best sixth men in college basketball, had 16 points, six above his average.

Watson went 7-for-8 from the field, grabbed four rebounds and three of the Eagles' 12 steals.

"It was his kind of game, a little 1-on-1, a lot of up and down," Skinner said. "He took it as a challenge. Those are the kind of challenges he likes and he was obviously very effective."

Darryl Hill, the Big East's leading scorer with a 20.9 average, had 21 points for the Red Storm (7-8, 1-4), who fell to 2-2 against ranked teams this season. They were coming off a 65-62 victory over No. 21 Pittsburgh and also beat then-No. 17 North Carolina State.

Hill didn't start for the first time this season. First-year coach Norm Roberts sat him for the opening 3:34 for being 3 minutes late to a team meeting.

"I deserved it. I was late," the sophomore guard said. "I have to set a better example as a cap-

With the crowd at Carnesecca Arena held to 2,314 because of the snowstorm blanketing the Northeast, St. John's jumped to an 11-2 lead. Boston College took the lead for good at 28-26 on a three-pointer by 7-footer Nate Doornekamp with 4:43 left in the

The Red Storm used some solid shooting to stay close but the Eagles used an 8-2 run to take a 53-46 lead with 12:57 to go.

Watson's layup with 8:03 left gave Boston College its first double-digit lead, 60-50, and the biggest it got was 67-54 on two free throws by Sean Williams with 6:15 to go. The Red Storm shot 54 percent in the first half but struggled to shoot 44 percent in the second against the Eagles' matchup zone.

"We got good shots, we didn't make them," Roberts said. "We struggled, obviously. We're not a good outside shooting team."

Louis Hinnant added 12 points for Boston College, while Craig Smith and Sean Marshall each had 10 and Doornekamp had nine.

Freshman guard Eugene Lawrence had a career-high 18 points for the Red Storm and Lamont Hamilton had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

"They rebounded well and beat us to loose balls, especially early," Skinner said of the Red Storm, who are coming off a 6-21 season, the worst in school history. "We were able to get some turnovers that led to easy bas-

Boston College was the first Top 10 team to play in Carnesecca Arena, which used to be called Alumni Hall, since No. 7 Louisville beat No. 9 St. John's there 76-71 on Feb. 3. 1980.

Many of the Boston College players had said during the week they were upset they had to play in the on-campus arena rather than Madison Square Garden, the Red Storm's other home court.

"Our guys were disappointed but not me," Skinner said. "Maybe I'm old school but I kind of enjoyed it here."



Boston College forward Jared Dudley is fouled by St. John's Lamont Hamilton during the second half Saturday. Boston College won 79-73.

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No. 10 Huskies move into tie atop Pac-10

SEATTLE - Nate Robinson scored 13 points and the No. 10 Washington Huskies moved into a tie for the Pac-10 lead with a 66-48 victory over Washington State on Sunday.

Jamaal Williams and freshman Joel Smith came off the bench to each score 10 points for the Huskies (16-2, 6-1), who won their 18th straight at home.

The Huskies are tied for first with Arizona (6-1), which beat Oregon State 92-83 on Saturday.

It wasn't a classic Washington offensive performance. The Hus-kies shot .359 percent from the field (23-for-64) and 3-for-13 from three-point range, but coach Dick Bennett's hall-control Cougars had a lot to do with that.

The purple-clad student section didn't appreciate the Cougars' deliberate, slowdown tac-tics, chanting, "Boring, boring, boring," in the second half.

Washington came into the game averaging 89.4 points a game, tops in the Pac-10 and second in the nation. The Huskies had their lowest point total of the season. They have scored 100 or more points in four games this

Thomas Kelati led Washington State (8-8, 3-4) with 12 points

Washington led 31-18 at halftime. The Huskies took the lead for good early on a three-noint play by Williams, starting a 14-0 run that Tre Simmons capped with a three-pointer to put them ahead 18-5

Mike Jensen opened the second half with a three-pointer for Washington in the first minute and after a three-pointer by Derrick Low of Washington State, Robinson made a three-pointer and Will Conroy followed with a layur after a steal under the basket to nut the Huskies ahead 39-21.



The Huskies got Brandon Roy back for the game, and he scored five points in 20 minutes. Roy, considered Washington's best all-around player, was held out of the previous two games after surgery on his right knee Nov. 30.

In Saturday's games: Virginia Tech 70, No. 12 Georgia Tech 69: At Atlanta, Virginia Tech needed a little luck to win its first road game over a ranked

opponent in 23 years. It came in the final seconds. Georgia Tech's Isma'il Muhammad missed two free throws with 5.5 seconds left and the No. 12 Yellow Jackets missed two putback attempts as Virginia Tech sur-

vived a frantic final seconds for an upset. "We got lucky at the end of the game," Virginia Tech coach Seth Greenberg said. "Let's face it, any of those shots could have gone in

Instead, the Yellow Jackets (11-5, 2-3 Atlantic Coast Conferlost their third straight while the Hokies (10-6, 3-2) celebrated a milestone win

In addition to winning their first mad conference game in their first season in the ACC, the Hokies took their first victory at a ranked team's home floor since Jan. 23, 1982, when they won at No. 17 Louisville.

No. 4 Duke 88. Florida State 56: J.J. Redick scored a season-high 31 points and visiting

Duke stayed unbeaten. The Blue Devils (15-0, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) were never in trouble, jumping to an 18-8 lead and steadily building it to as many as 33 late in the game.

No. 6 North Carolina 81, Miami 67: Sean May had 17 points, Jawad Williams and Jackie Manuel each added 14 and North Carolina made the most of a rare home game.

Raymond Felton and Rashad McCants had 10 points apiece for the No. 6 Tar Heels (16-2, 5-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who are in the middle of a stretch during which they play six of eight games on the road.

No. 11 Gonzaga 68, San Diego 56: At San Diego, center J.P. Batista scored a career-high 22 points and Gonzaga opened

the second half with a 16-0 run. The Bulldogs (14-4, 4-2 West Coast Conference) got some help from the Toreros (10-8, 2-3), who shot just 10 percent in the second half and 30.6 percent overall.

No. 13 Arizona 92, Oregon 83: Salim Stoudamire scored 25 points to help visiting Arizona overcome a 15-point first-half deficit.

Channing Frye had 20 points and seven rebounds for the Wildcats (16-3, 6-1), who outrebounded the Beavers 36-22.

No. 14 Louisville 85, Teni see 62: Francisco Garcia scored 20 points to lead host Louisville.

Garcia had seven points during crucial 24-2 second-half run and added had nine rebounds and four assists for the Cardinals (16-3), who have won 10 of 11.

No. 17 Mississippi State 73, South Carolina 65: At Starkville, Miss., Lawrence Roberts had 17 points and 12 rebounds to lead five Mississippi State scorers in double figures.

Marcus Campbell, Jamall Edmondson and Shane Power each had 11 points for Mississippi State (16-4, 4-2 Southeastern Conference)

No. 19 Michigan State 69, Minnesota 55: At Minneapolis,



Virginia Tech forward Deron Washington dunks the ball over Georgia Tech guard Jarrett Jack during the first half of Saturday's upset victory.

Alan Anderson scored 13 points —11 from the foul line — as Michigan State made 26 of 28 foul shots to hold off Minnesota.

Maurice Ager and Shannon Brown each added 12 points for the Spartans (12-3, 4-1 Big Ten). No. 22 Alabama 66, Mississip-

pi 58: Kennedy Winston scored 26 points and Jermareo Davidson had a game-high 13 rebounds for the visiting Crimson Tide.
Alabama (15-3, 4-1 Southeast-

Conference) snapped seven-game road losing streak at Mississippi (11-8, 2-4), last winning 59-46 in the 1996-97 season.



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Army snaps streak with win over Navv

The Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. - Matt Bell scored 20 points to help Army snap an eight-game losing streak Sunday and earn its largest victory over arch-rival Navy in 35 years, 63-43.

Grant Carter had 11 points for

Army (3-14, 1-4 Patriot League) and Cory Sinning had 12.

Matt Fannin scored 17 points for Navy (4-14, 0-5), which suffered its seventh loss in a row.

Navy coach Billy Lange suffered the worst loss ever by a Midshipmen coach in his debut against Army

Bell scored 11 of his 20 points in the second half as Army outscored the Midshipmen 31-19 in the final 20 minutes. The Black Knights limited Navy to 28.1 percent shooting (16-for-57), and the Midshipmen hit just three of 27 (11.1 percent) long-range shots.



Agassi trumps Johannson's record 51 aces

He'll face Federer next; Sharapova, Kuznetsova also to meet in quarters

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE. Australia -Andre Agassi overcame a record number of aces from Joachim Johannson on Sunday and set up an Australian Open quarterfinal against defending champion and top-ranked Roger Federer.

Agassi, an eight-time Grand Slam winner and four-time champion in Melbourne, produced one of his great performances to defeat the 6-foot-6 Johansson, who slammed 51 aces in their fourth-round match.

One of the best service returners in tennis, the 34-year-old Agassi endured Johansson's barrage, breaking the Swede three times to win 6-7 (4), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3).6-4

Agassi dronned his own serve twice, at the start of the first and fourth sets, and made only 13 unforced errors in the match none in the first set

"It was a tough day," said Agas-

11th-seeded Johansson was pushing the limits on almost every shot. He mixed 66 unforced errors with a remarkable 96 winners, including his aces and service winners.

The 22-year-old Johansson surpassed Richard Krajicek's mark of 49 aces in a quarterfinal loss to Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov in

the 1999 U.S. Open His final three aces came in his last service game.

"Joachim today was hitting the ball so big," Agassi said. "What can you do but sort of react?

"I was anxious the whole time. he added. "I had to stay focused and disciplined, give myself a look and hope I can convert on the few chances I do get."

Johansson didn't know of the record until after the match. He said he might be able to improve on it in future

Federer, whose 11 titles in 2004 included three majors, extended his winning streak to 25 matches with a 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (4) defeat of Marcos Baghdatis. Marat Safin, who lost to Feder-

er in last year's final here, converted just one of his 18 break point chances in a fiery 4-6, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (2) win over Olivier Rochus that lasted 3 hours, 42

Safin was given a code violation for spiking his racket into the court, twice for good measure. after wasting three opportunities to get back on serve in the fifth game of the third set.

After receiving the code violation from umpire Andreas Egli, he belted the broken racket three times on a drink cooler at the side

"I had so many chances to break him and I couldn't and I was a little bit upset at that," said Safin, adding that he crunched the racket to let off some steam. "It was very important."

In the end, he closed with two aces, taking his total to 29 for the



Andre Agassi makes a backhand return to Joachim Johansson during his fourth-round match in the Australian Open. Despite Johannson's 51 aces, Agassi advanced to the quarterfinals against No. 1 Roger Federer.



match. He next faces Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty, who beat the other Swedish Johannson in the draw - 2002 Australian Open champion Thomas Johansson 7-5, 6-3, 6-1.

Federer has won 48 of his past 50 matches, and hasn't lost since the second round in the Athens Olympics last August.

Raghdatis broke Federer's serve once and stunned the 23-year-old Swiss star with some brilliant crosscourt forehands in the third set.

Federer, who beat Baghdatis in the last U.S. Open in the 19-year-old Cypriot's only other appearance in a major, fell behind 3-0 in the tiebreaker before reeling off five straight points.

"I enjoyed the battle for sure said Federer, "After I've won, it's always good to battle it out and Two of Russia's three Grand

Slam title holders are into the quarterfinals U.S. Open champion Svetlana

Kuznetsova pounded 29 winners to overcome one Russian — 6-4



Maria Sharapova yells as she celebrates her fourth-round victory over Silvia Farina Elia in the Australian Open in the three sets.

6-2 over Vera Douchevina - and faces another in the quarterfinals.

Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova, seeded fourth, will face Kuznetsova next after coming back from a set and a break down to beat Italy's Silvia Farina Elia 4-6, 6-1, 6-2,

The 17-year-old Sharapova ran off seven consecutive games and broke Farina Elia's last seven service games.

"I'm excited. I know it's going to be another tough match," Sharapova said of Kuznetsova. "I'm prepared. I'm just going to go out like I've been going out and playing my game, having fun, enjoying it and fighting to win."

Three of the seven Russian

women who made the fourth round already are out.

Seventh-seeded Serena Williams, who won here in 2003 but didn't return last year because of an injured knee, was clearly angry with herself as she dropped a set for the first time this tournament before recovering to beat No. 11 Nadia Petrova 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Second-ranked Amelie Mauresmo of France had a 6-2, 6-4 win over Evgenia Linetskava in a mistake-prone match with 11 service

Mauresmo raced to a 4-0 lead but needed a medical time out after dropping her serve for the first time and returned to court with her left thigh wrapped.

Tennis scoreboard

Australian Open

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6-2. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Marti-Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Marti-na Navratilova, United States, def. Shinobu Asagoe, Japan, and Katarina Śrebotnik (14), Slovenia, 6-4, 6-45 ova, Russia, and Alicia Molik (6), Australia, def. Milagros Sequera, Venezuela, and Mellen Tu, United States, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

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and Milagros Sequera, Venezuela, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Wayne Arthurs and Trudi Musgrave, Australia, def. Chris Haggard, South Africa, and Mellen Tu, United States, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (4).
Larina Srebothis, Slovenia, def. Simon Aspelin, Sweden, and Yan Zi, China, 6-3, 6-4.
Wayne and Cara Black (2), Zimbabwe, def. Peter Luczak and Jaslyn Hewitt, Australia, 6-2, 6-3.

She had trouble on serve after that, dropping it once again in the first set and twice in the second Juan Ignacio Chela was fined \$2,000 by tournament referee Peter Bellenger for unsportsmanlike conduct in his third-round

loss to against No. 3 Lleyton Hewitt on Saturday night. Chela became angry when he thought Hewitt celebrated too much on an unforced error that had given the Australian triple

break point. He drove his next serve at Hewitt, allowing the Australian to convert the break, and then ap-peared to spit toward Hewitt when the players were switching

"He spat in my direction," said ewitt. "It's sad that something Hewitt. like that happens. But, you know, he apologized at the net when we

Chela denied spitting at Hewitt.

Lewis wants to fight Klitschko

LONDON - Almost a year after he retired former world heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis says he wants to get back into the ring in November to fight Vitali Klitschko, holder of the WBC title he relinquished.

Now the father of a baby daughter, Lewis told the tabloid Sunday Mirror he was tired of hearing Klitschko saving that the former champion was scared to fight him

again. The two men fought out a bloody contest in June 2003 when challenger Klitschko lost on bad cuts after dominating the champion for six rounds.

That was Lewis' last fight and he was booed out of the ring after a poor performance against the Ukrainian, who demanded a rematch

"I've had to listen to a lot of rubbish from Klitschko and he is starting to get on my nerves, said Lewis, who is now age 39 and has a 41-1-2 record.

"I'm making a comeback later this year. The money is up to [\$39.3 million], simply can't turn that much cash down. I'm going to start training seriously and I'm going back to England to start sorting this out," said Lewis, who lives in Jamaica's Montego Bay

"I need the money just like everyone else and it's just too good

Mayweather stops Bruseles in eight rounds

MIAMI - Floyd Mayweather Jr. took a step toward a title in a third weight class by stopping Henry Bruseles with 55 seconds left in the eighth round Saturday

Mayweather, former super featherweight and lightweight champion and pursuing a crown in the 140-nound class. was never in trouble as his quick combinations frustrated Bru in the scheduled 12-round bout at AmericanAirlines Arena

While Mayweather set the tone in the fight with his speed, he used an impressive power-punching display in the eighth to send useles to the canvas with a left-right combination to the head

The Puerto Rican Bruseles

Sports briefs

(21-3-1, 13 KOs) got to his feet but Mayweather (33-0, 22 KOs) was ready with a left to the body which set up an additional series

of unanswered shots to the head. Bruseles again fell to the canvas but again heat the 10-count

However, Bruseles' trainer Evangelista Cotto stepped into the ring and instructed referee Jorge Alonso to stop the fight.

took my time and listened to ' Mayweather said. "I my corner," Mayweather said knew I would wear him down. The 27-year-old Mayweather,

of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was effective early with a lead left jab. Bruseles also had no answers for Mayweather's quick rights and left hooks to the head

Jags' Taylor has knee surgery

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Jag uars running back Fred Taylor had surgery to repair a partially torn ligament in his left knee.

His availability for the team's offseason program is in question but Jacksonville expects its top offensive player to make a complete recovery before training

Taylor sprained his medial collateral ligament Dec. 19 against Green Bay and missed the final two games of the season. Tests later revealed the tear, and Taylor had arthroscopic surgery in Miami on Thursday

Raich gains ground as Miller fails in slalom

KITZBUEHEL Austria - Aus. tria's Manfred Pranger cried on the podium after winning a slalom Sunday for his first World Cup victory while Benjamin Raich cut into Bode Miller's lead in the chase for the overall title. Pranger covered the two runs

in 1 minute, 31.51 seconds. Countryman Mario Matt the 2001 world slalom champion, was runner-up and Croatia's Ivica Kostelic prevented an Austrian sweep by finishing third.

Miller lost his balance and failed to join the top 30 for the second leg. He nearly swerved off course a few gates from the bot-tom and was forced to finish the leaving him 2.11 off the pace.

"I was getting stuck a lot," Miller said. "The snow changes the whole way down. It's little parts of really grippy snow and little parts of icy snow." It was the fifth slalom Miller

has failed to finish this season. The only one the American completed was the night race he won in Sestriere, Italy, in mid-De-

Miller's early exit allowed Raich to narrow the gap in the overall standings. The Austrian finished eighth and earned 32 points, leaving him 166 behind Miller. Miller, who leads with 1,048, earned 60 points in the last

four races and Raich 192. The top U.S. skier was Ted Ligety in 12th place.

Raich, who rallied from 22nd place after the first leg, extended his lead in the slalom standings He is 82 points ahead of Giorgio Rocca, who went out in the first

Paerson wins at Maribor; Poutiainen wins slalom title

MARIBOR, Slovenia - Ania Paerson of Sweden won a slalom for the first time this season Sunday while rival Tanja Poutiainen of Finland was third to capture the overall slalom title.

Paerson recorded the 14th victory of her World Cup career, tearing down the slope on a sunny day to finish both runs in 1 minute 32.38 seconds, 0.28 ahead of Croatia's Janica Kostelic

"This place is special for me," Paerson said. "It's been a frustrating year in slalom. It's good to come back in good shape for the uncoming world championships.

For the United States, Sarah Schlener was fourth to match a career best while Kristina Koznick was fifth and Lindsey Kildow "I think the whole team is confi-

dent," said Kildow, who won a downhill at Lake Louise, Alberta this season. "But the best thing is not to think about medals and concentrate on good skiing." Poutiainen was third in 1:32.73

wrapping up the slalom title with 520 points entering the final race in Lenzerheide, Switzerland, Marlies Schild is second with 376, followed by Koznick at 355

Finally: Eagles keep elusive Vick in check played a prominent role noneth less. He led the Eagles on the field and drew plenty of attention with his sideline antics, flapping

his arms and waving a towel to urge on a crowd that didn't need any encouragement. On the field, Owens' teammates filled in admirably. Mc-Nabb worked the ball around to

"For those about to rock, we salute you," AC-DC screamed over sound system. Fireworks went off above the stadium. And tons of glitter fluttered over the field, recreating the blizzard that swept through the city a day earli-



Tiger Woods shot even-par 72 in the fog-delayed third round of the Buick Invitational on Sunday in San Diego, and trailed leaders Tom Lehman and Luke Donald by two strokes heading into the final round.

Lehman, Donald tied in Buick Invitational

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - Luke Donald of England played another tidy round at Torrey Pines early Sunday for a 5-under 67, giving him a share of the lead with U.S. Ryder Cup captain Tom Lehman in the fog-delayed Buick Invitational

Charles Howell III had a 64 the best score all week on the South course - and was one shot behind with Peter Lonard (71).

Tiger Woods bogeyed his first three holes and his last one for a 72. dropping him two shots be-

Donald lost in a three-way playoff last year, and showed again that the South course - site of the 2008 U.S. Open — is not just for big hitters. A control player who keeps out of trouble, Donald has made only one bogey all week and went into the final round Sunday afternoon at 14-under 202.

Lehman had to battle for a 73, a round that could have gone either way. He missed five birdie putts inside 10 feet, but made about that many for par or bogey

Massive fog suspended play the last two days, leaving some players to face 32 holes Sunday. There was no time to shuffle

ne groups according to score, so Donald was playing in the threesome ahead of Lehman, Lonard and Woods.

Woods made up a two-shot swing with a 25-foot birdie on the sixth, while Lehman dumped a wedge from the rough into a bunker and made bogey. That put Woods only one-shot behind the leaders, and he had 245 yards for his second shot on the par-5 ninth.

But he missed the green badly to the left and chopped his way to a bogey to leave himself three shots behind

Woods wasn't alone in his frustration.

Ernie Els, playing at Torrey Pines for the first time since he was a teenager, was two shots behind until he took a double bogey on No. 7, then followed that with a

Golf roundup

three-putt bogey on the par-3 eighth. He wound up with a 71 and was at 9-under 207 Vijay Singh, who started the

third round 11 shots out of the lead, was closing fast until his putts stopped falling. He still had a 68 and was at 8-under 208 but then bogeyed three of his first seven holes in the fourth round and slipped nine shots behind.

Phil Mickelson took himself out of contention with a 78 in the third round.

The tournament caught a huge break when crisp morning sunshine bathed Torrey Pines, allowing the third round to resume at 30 a.m. and boosting chances there would be a trophy presentation at dusk

Watson shoots 64 again. un three in senior event KAUPIILEHII-KONA Hawaii

Tom Watson extended his lead to three strokes with a second straight 64 in the season-onening event on the Champions Tour.

Watson was bogey-free and one shot off the course record for the second day in a row.

Wayne Levi is second heading into Sunday's final round at Hualalai Golf Club

Clark wins South African Open

DURBAN, South Africa - Tim Clark of South Africa won the South African Open on Sunday, closing with a 6-under-par 66.

Clark entered the day in a four-way tie for the lead but finished in front at 15-under 272. Gregory Havret of France (69) and Charl Schwartzel of South Africa (68) were at 279.

Clark's final round was matched only by England's Nick Dougherty, whose 66 put him at 280 with countryman Graeme Storm, South Africa's James Kingston and Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke

FINALLY, FROM BACK PAGE

McNabb completed 17 of 26 passes for 180 yards, a workmanlike performance that solidified his position as one of the game's best quarterbacks

Vick is, too, but his first appearance on the Super Bowl stage will have to wait. He completed just 11 of 24 for 136 yards, while the Eagles' stifling defense kept him from pulling off one of his signa-He ran it just four times for 26

yards, but gave up even more yards on the sacks. Derrick Burgess dropped the elusive quarterback twice

The Eagles were clearly relieved to make it to the Super Bowl, but they're not satisfied with merely winning a conference title "We've got one more game to

play." McNabb told the crowd. "Enjoy it now and we'll bring something else home.'

Philadelphia led only 14-10 at halftime a hit too close for comfort for a team that had lost to St. Louis, Tampa Bay and Carolina in the last three NFC title games. Even more galling - the last two losses were at home

But, as the sun gave way to a nearly full moon over "The Linc, the Eagles dominated the final two quarters. Akers connected from 31 and 34 yards, then Mc-Nabb and Lewis teamed up to finish off the Falcons with their 2-vard touchdown play.

Owens, who didn't play be-

eight players, led by Brian Westbrook with five catches for 39 vards. Then, it was time for the party Philly-style.

Law seems to side with Sox in dispute over Series ball

BY JIMMY GOLEN

BOSTON — Doug Mientkiewicz, call a lawyer. You're going to need one if you want to keep the baseball you caught for the final out of the World Se-

The Red Sox first baseman is storing the ball that clinched Boston's first title since 1918 in a safe-deposit box near his Florida home. But the Red Sox want it back so they can show it off, and legal scholars say the team has a good case if it wants to fight Mientkiewicz in court.

"What appears to be emerging as a legal consensus is that the person with the least rights to it is Mientkiewicz himself," said Yale Law School Dean Harold Hongiu Koh, who ranked the claims as: "the Cardinals, the Red Sox, Major League Baseball and then the guy who happened to hold it at the end of the zame."

the game."
Basehall clubs don't routinely distribute game
balls like football teams do, and the final out is most
likely to wind up tossed to a fan unless one of the
players reached a milestone that day. No one's spent
much time discussing who actually owns the ball because, until now, it hasn't really mattered.

As the rise of the memorabilia market makes such times increasingly valuable, though, baseball is being forced to confront the issue of who owns the otherwise interchangeable pieces — the bases, the balls, the uniforms —that make the game go. On the same day the Red Sox clinched the Series, the ball Barry Bonds hit for his 700th career homer sold for \$804,129.

"What this has done is force the baseball teams and MLB to make some decisions about who gets the noncontractual value of a valuable trophy," said Paul Finkelman, a law professor at the University of Tulsa. "Does [Mientkiewicz] get a \$500,000 bonus because he's the last guy to hold it?"

Mientkiewicz happened upon his keepsake when St. Louis shortstop Edgar Renteria knocked it back to Red Sox pitcher Keith Foulke with two outs in the ninth inning of the fourth game of the World Series. Foulke made an underhand toss to first base, and Boston's 86-vear title drought was over.

Mientkiewicz also made the final putout of the AL championship series victory over the New York Yankees and gave that ball to pitcher Derek Lowe. But the first baseman kept this one, and it was among the many items authenticated by Major League Baseball in the chaotic clubhouse afterward.

Mientkiewicz initially called the ball his "retirement fund," though he later backed off those comments and said he wants it for sentimental value. The problem is, so does the team that waited nine decades to even have a chance to talk about the last out of a World Series victory.

"It's not Doug's ball. It belongs to all of us," said Roger Abrams, a Northeastern University law professor who has written several baseball books. "He is the trustee of the ball but it is owned by all of Red Sox Nation, and it should find a place of special importance, either at Fenway or Cooperstown."

Finkelman, who was an expert witness in the court fight over Bonds' 73rd home run ball, said the fact that Mientkiewicz was a midseason addition and a late-inning replacement makes his claim to the ball tenuous. If he had made a leaping catch to secure the victory, been a major contributor during secure the victory, been a major contributor during chies's less season even a weathered the franchise's lean cars, fans and courts might be more sympathetic.

"The notion that Mientkiewicz did anything is absurd. He didn't do anything," Finkelman said. "He caught an underhanded toss from a pitcher. This is what he's paid to do. He didn't win the World Series. It's simply coincidence that it ended at first base." Of course, there was this little incident back in

"I understand that there's some irony in that," Finkelman said when reminded of the routine grounder that went through Bill Buckner's legs. "Because not every first baseman in Boston does his

By comparison, Curt Schilling could make a legitimate claim to the sock he wore when he pitched in the Series: Although the sock was the team's, the blood was his.



Red Sox first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz kept the ball from the final out of the 2004 World Series against the Cardinals. The Red Sox want it back.

"It's his blood that makes it valuable," Abrams said. "Mientkiewicz doesn't add any value that made it unique to him."

Soon after Bonds' 73rd homer cleared the fence at Pac Bell Park, it landed in the middle of a skirmish in the stands that spilled into the courts. In Popov v. Hayashi, California Superior Court Judge Kevin Mc-Carthy considered the claim that Major League Baseball still owned the ball after the homer and "later gifted it to Mr. Hayashi."

"There is no evidence to support it," the judge wrote.

Instead, the ball belonged to Major League Baseball until it was hit, and as it flew out of the ballpark it became "intentionally abandoned property."

ball until it was nit, and as it new out of the ballpane it became "intentionally abandoned property."
"The first person who came in possession of the ball became its new owner," McCarthy decided. Then they fought over what constituted possession, with McCarthy ruling the ball should be sold at auction so the proceeds could be split between them.

But that ball left the playing field; Mientkiewicz's was still part of the game when he gloved it. And he wasn't a fan who bought a ticket in the outfield arcade; he was a Red Sox employee in his workplace doing his job.

"Clearly teams have agreed that when the ball is hit out of the park, it's abandoned. But they have never said that when it's in the park it's abandoned," Finkelman said.

That makes Mientkiewicz like a research scientist who makes a lucrative discovery at work: He's sure to get an attaboy from the boss, but the royalties and patents probably belong to the company.

"We know if he found the ball in the woods, it's his. But he didn't find the ball in the woods," Abrams said. "Does that mean any first baseman that catches any ball that arrives at first base owns the ball? Of course not."

Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said the team is negotiating for the ball through Mienthiewicz's agent. The logical and expected solution is for Mienthiewicz to own the ball and lend it to the Red Sox so they can display it.

Lucchino also said the team is working on a policy to avoid another fight over, say, the ball that clinches the first Red Sox World Series repeat since 1916. Finkelman thinks Major League Baseball needs to clarify the rules for the whole industry.

"MLB should decide that the winning team should be able to dispose of the game ball," he said. "And, in general, when a player reaches a milestone, it's simply good sportsmanship" to give it to



Chicago Bulls forward Andres Nocioni (5) blocks a shot by Detroit Pistons guard Carlos Arroyo (30) in the third quarter Saturday.

Bulls win in Detroit again, pull to .500

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The Detroit Pistons aren't upset at losing two home games to the Chicago Bulls in a month. They just don't like that the Bulls did it by leating them at their own game.

Kirk Hinrich had 24 points and nine assists to lead Chicago to a 100-89 victory over the Pistons on Saturday night.

"We're about rock bottom right now," Pistons coach Larry Brown said

"We didn't match their energy and we didn't match their execution. That blows my mind, be-

cause that's how we won a championship last year."

It was Chicago's second victory

at the Palace since Dec. 22 after not having won there in three years. Chicago hadn't won twice in Detroit in one season since 1995-96.

"It feels good to come in here and beat a great team like Detroit," Hinrich said. "I think it shows that we are becoming mentally tougher and showing some maturity."

Eddy Curry added 15 for the Bulls before fouling out and Antonio Davis had 14.

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"Detroit's one of the best teams in the league," Curry said.

"This shows that we can play with teams like that."

The victory moves Chicago to 500 (19-19) for the first time this late in a season since 1998, but Bulls coach Scott Skiles wasn't celebrating.

"To do things, you've got to get to .500, but it is what you do after you get there that is important," he said. "We aren't even halfway through the season. Let's see what we do from here."

Richard Hamilton led all scorers with 32, including 16 in the first quarter, but only scored seven in the second half. Hamilton was a game-time decision with a bruised right thigh.

The Pistons led 47-44 at the half thanks to Hamilton, who shot 8-for-10 from the field and made eight of nine free throws, but Chicago quickly went ahead after intermission.

The Bulls attacked the basket, including a spectacular dunk by Antonio Davis over Ben Wallace, and built a 68-60 lead.

Chicago led 72-68 at the end of the third quarter, but Carlos Arroyo scored the first four points of the fourth to tie it.

Arroyo, acquired Friday from Utah for Elden Campbell, was making his Pistons debut.

The Pistons took a brief lead, but the Bulls scored the next nine points, five by Hinrich, to go up

Detroit got to 83-80, but Billups, Rasheed Wallace and Ben Wallace were called for technical fouls in a span of 20 seconds for arguing calls, and Hinrich made all three free throws. The Pistons never seriously threatened again.

"I think we just lost our poise," Brown said. "There's a time and place for that, and that wasn't it." Billups agreed that he and his

Billups agreed that he and his teammates chose the wrong time to make a protest.

"We have to learn to play through stuff like that, but it is easier said than done," he said. "When you feel you aren't getting the calls you should be, it gets very frustrating, and you saw that tonieht."

Struggling Knicks defeated by Bucks in Williams' debut

NEW YORK - Desmond Mason scored 22 points to lead six Milwaukee players in double figures, and the Bucks held off the free-falling Knicks 101-96 Sunday, spoiling the debut of New York coach Herb Williams in a matchup of two of the Eastern Conference's worst teams.

It was the 10th loss in 11 games for New York, and came one day after Lenny Wilkens stepped down as coach. Williams, an assis-tant under Wilkens, assumed the job for the rest of the season. But on Sunday, at least, it was the same disappointing result for the Knicks

Stephon Marbury had a season-high 33 points to lead New York, and Jamal Crawford added 20 But it wasn't enough to ston Milwaukee from picking up its fifth road win of the season

Michael Sweetney came off the bench to finish with 14 points and 11 rebounds for New York, while

Kurt Thomas added 12 points. Joe Smith and Grant each had 14 points for Milwaukee, which had all five starters score at least 10 points. Zaza Pachulia added 13 points, while Maurice Williams and Dan Gadzuric each had 10.

Mavericks 95, Knicks 93: At Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki scored nine of his 35 points in the final 5 minutes - including a three-noint play with 17.9 seconds — to lift Dallas past Denver.

Kenyon Martin, who grew up in Dallas led Denver with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Andre Miller had 16 points and 10 assists and Carmelo Anthony, who missed the previous game with a sprained right ankle, had 14 points and five rebounds in 37

Raptors 103. Bobcats 92: At Toronto, Jalen Rose scored 14 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter as Toronto defeated Charlotte

Rose had 12 points during Toronto's pivotal 19-4 run in the fourth quarter. The Raptors outscored the Bobcats 26-12 in the final period.



Morris Peterson added 26 points and Chris Bosh had 21 for the Raptors, who have won five straight at home.

Primoz Brezec had 19 points and tied a career-high with 12 re-bounds for the Bobcats, who have lost eight straight.

In Saturday's games:

Wizards 95, Pacers 93: At Indianapolis, Antawn Jamison hit a driving layup with 0.4 seconds left to lift Washington.

After Jermaine O'Neal gave Indiana a 93-91 lead with 39.7 seconds left, Gilbert Arenas hit a jumper and the Wizards forced a shot-clock violation to get the ball back with 4.5 seconds to play.

Jamison, who finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds, took the ball at the top of the key, drove past two Indiana defenders and lofted a soft hook shot over O'Neal to give the Wizards their second straight victory and offset a huge night from O'Neal

O'Neal scored 12 of his 38 points in the fourth quarter.

Arenas led the Wizards with 33 points and six assists, helping Washington to its second win in two nights without the injured Larry Hughes.

Cavaliers 105, Warriors 87: At Oakland, Calif., LeBron James had his second triple-double in three games, getting 28 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists in Cleveland's victory.

Three nights after he hecame the youngest player in NBA histo-ry with a triple-double, James duplicated the feat in an easy win over the Warriors, who lost for the 11th time in 12 games

James wrapped up his latest statistical feat on a pass with 29 seconds left to Zydrunas Ilgaus kas, who hit a long three-pointer

Eric Snow had 16 points and 12 assists in his first start of the season in place of Jeff McInnis, who sat out to rest his sprained left foot in the finale of Cleveland's six-game West Coast road trip.

Lake City, Pau Gasol scored 23 points and Shane Battier had 16 to help Memphis spoil Andrei Kirilenko's return to the Utah lineun

Kirilenko scored two points and had two blocks in just 12 minutes in his first game after missing 26 with a sprained knee

Utah had a 6-20 record without Kirilenko.

Reserve Brian Cardinal added 14 points for the Grizzlies, who snapped a five-game losing streak in Salt Lake City. Mehmet Okur led the Jazz with 22 points in 25 minutes off the bench

Timberwolves 92, Trail Blazers 83: At Portland, Ore., Kevin Garnett had 14 points and 16 re-bounds to lead Minnesota to its second road win in as many days Portland dropped its sixth straight game, the Blazers' long-

est losing streak since 1995-96. Wally Szczerbiak, coming off a eason-high 34 points against Se attle on Friday, had 18 for the Timberwolves

Damon Stoudamire led Portland with 23 points and Ruber Patterson, who remained in the starting lineup despite the return of Darius Miles, had 19

Magic 115. 76ers 111: At Or-Fla., Hedo Turkoglu lando scored 22 points, Dwight Howard added 21 and short-handed Orlando rallied to beat Philadelphia

Iverson finished with 38 points his most since sitting out a game two weeks ago with an ankle sprain, Samuel Dalembert tied his career high with 24 points. and added a season-best 16 re-

Hawks 100. Celtics 96: At Atlanta, Al Harrington scored 21 points and went 6-for-6 from the free-throw line in the last two minutes to help the Hawks overcome a 17-point deficit.

Hornets 88, Clippers 85: At New Orleans, Dan Dickau capped a career-high 27-point outing with two three-pointers in the last 18 seconds and New Orleans handed Los Angeles its fifth straight loss

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference Detroit 24 21 21 - 89
Three-Point Goals - Chicago 4-15 (Hinrich 2-6, Duhon 2-6, Nocioni 0-1, Gordon 0-1, Pilat2-6, Duhon 2-6, Nocioni 0-1, Gordon 0-1, Pilat1-3, Goldwire 0-1, Prince 0-2). Fouled OutCurry, Rebounds-Chicago 48 (Mow 50, NoCurry, Rebounds-Chicago 48 (Mow 50, NoCurry, Chicago 27). Detroit 15 (Arroyo 5). Total ChisChiago 27). Detroit 15. Technicals—Bwallace.
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New Orleans 88, L.A. Clippers's
Memphis 110, Utah 94
Minnesota 92, Portland 83
Cleveland 105, Golden State 8:
Sunday's games
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Magic 115, 76ers 111

-None. Rebounds --Philadelphia 53 (Dalembert 16), Orlando 54 (Cato, Howard 9). Assists--Philadelphia 18 (Iverson 10), Orlando 17 (Francis, Christie 5). Total Fouls--Philadelphia 17, Orlando 25. Technicals--Turkoglu A-17,283. (17,248).

Bulls 100, Pistons 89

CHICAGO — Deng 4-10 1-2 9, Davis 6-8 2-2 4, Curry 5-10 5-6 15, Hinrich 7-17 8-9 24 Juhon 4-9 0-0 10, Gordon 2-8 0-0 4, Chandles 3-3 4-9, Nocioni 5-7 1-2 11, Harrington 1-3 0-2, Piatkowski 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 38-77 20-25

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DETROIT — Prince 1-8 3-6 5, R.Wallace 6-10 3-3 15, B.Wallace 2-5 0-0 4, Hamilton 10-18 11-12 32, Billups 4-11 4-6 13, McDyess 5-6 3-4 13, Hunter 0-5 0-0 0, Arroyo 2-7 1-2 5, Dupree 1-2 0-0 2, Goldwire 0-1 0-0 0, Ham 0-0 0-0 . Totals 31-73 25-33 89.

WASHINGTON — Jamison 7-18 4-5 19, Jef-fries 1-3 1-4 3, Haywood 5-7 5-8 15, Hayes 1-7 2-2 5, Arenas 12-26 6-10 33, Peeler 5-9 0-0 10, Ruffin 6-1 0-0 0, Thomas 1-4 2-2 4, Profit 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-75 20-31 95. INDIANA — JJones 0-5 0-0 0, O'Neal 14-28 0-0 U. Totals 33-75 20-31 95. INDIANA — J.Dones 0-5 0-0 0, 0'Neal 14-28 10-11 38, Foster 4-7 2-2 10, Millier 3-7 1-1 8, Tin-sley 6-17 2-2 16, Pollard 2-4 2-2 6, F.Jones 3-8 3-4 11, Johnson 2-4 0-0 4, Curry 0-0 0-0 0. To-tals 34-80 20-22 93. Washinston

Hornets 88, Clippers 85

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MINNESOTA — Sprewell 2-7 0-0 5, Garnett 6-16 2-2 14, Johnson 2-2 0-0 4, Hassell 3-7 0-0 6, Carter 2-4 0-0 4, Szczerbiak 8-12 1-2 18, Hudo, Carrer 2-4 0-0 4, SZCZETDIAK 6-12 1-2 18, MU0-son 3-9 6-6 12, Griffin 2-7 3-4 7, Holberg 5-8 4-6 15, Jo.Thomas 1-3 5-7 7. Totals 34-75 21-27

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Cavaliers 105, Warriors 87

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Jackson still mad at Rockets over trade

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HOUSTON - Former Houston

Rockets guard Jim Jackson said Saturday he lost respect for the entire organization when he was traded to the New Orleans Hornets Jackson, who never reported to

the Hornets and was traded to the Phoenix Suns on Friday, told Houston television station KRIV he didn't believe the Rockets' reasons for trading him.

"The reason they gave me for the trade was that they needed a point guard and a ball handler,' Jackson said. "I handle the hall David Wes-

lev is a very good player but has he played point guard yet? They went out and signed two point guards. So, to me, that means that



ganization The Rockets declined to com-

Jackson also said he was unset that he was told of the trade by the coach instead of by general manager Carroll Dawson. It is protocol in the Rockets organization for the coach to inform playJackson said he thought the

Rockets should have put him "in a better situation than in a no-win situation with the New Orleans Hornets." Jackson forfeited \$302,000 in

salary for refusing to report to the Hornets after the December "It's not about the money for

me. If I take a sacrifice or a loss upfront, it's because my ultimate goal is trying to win and it paid off for me from that aspect and

again, it was no disrespect to the New Orleans Hornets The Suns sent three players to the Hornets for Jackson. The Suns are Jackson's 12th team in 13 seasons.

Jackson has a career average of 15.2 points in 805 NBA games.

SPORTS



Lehman, Donald tied; Woods close in foggy Buick Invitational, Page 29



Atlanta Falcons QB Michael Vick (7) is sacked by the Philadelphia Eagles' Derrick Burgess during the NFC championship game at Lincoln Financia Field in Philadelphia on Sunday. The Eagles, who were making their fourth straight appearance in the title game, defeated the Falcons 27-10.

Finally, it's Philly's turn

After three straight losses in NFC championship, Eagles roll over Falcons to earn trip to Super Bowl

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Yo, Philly. You're

going to the Super Bowl.

Donovan McNabb ignored the burden of three straight losses in the NFC championship game and the Eagles warmed a frozen city's heart, stuffing Michael Vick and the Atlanta Falcons 27-10 on Sunday.

Philadelphia moves on to its first Super Bowl in 24 years — the only acceptable outcome for the Eagles and their rabid fans after so many close calls. They will meet defending champion New England or cross-state Pittsburgh in Jacksonville, Fla, on Feb. 6. The fourth time was the charm for the Ea-

The fourth time was the charm for the Eagles, even though they didn't have top receiver Terrell Owens — reduced to the role of MVC (Most Valuable Cherleader) on the sideline. Nothing was going to stand in the way of this team, which entered the season with a Super Bowl or Bust mentality and met those enormous expectations.

McNabb threw a pair of touchdown passes to Chad Lewis, including the clinching score with 3:21 remaining. That turned the final minutes into a delirious coronation, the 67,717



Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb reacts after throwing a 2-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter Sunday. McNabb completed 17 of 26 passes for 180 yards.

fans — most of whom never sat in their seats on a 17-degree day — saluting a team that finally fulfilled its destiny.

"Super Bowl! Super Bowl!" they chanted when play was halted for the two-minute warning.

The only warm-weather team left in the playoffs went cold in its biggest game of the year. Vick was sacked four times by the fear-some Philly defense, which also came up with a crucial interception that set up David Akers' second field goal.

The significance of the day was evident on the field — the Eagles pranced and danced after every big play — and in the stands, where hugs and beer flowed freely at Lincoln Financial Field.

The Eagles are one victory away from bringing the city its first major sports championship since the 76ers won the NBA title in 1983. The football team hasn't won it all since 1960, which predates the Super Bowl by six sea

sons.

Philly's only previous Super Bowl appearance came in 1981, but the Eagles fell flat in a 27-10 loss to the Raiders. This time, that score worked in their favor.

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Agassi weathers barrage of aces to set up match with Federer



Hinrich helps Bulls reach .500 with win over Pistons

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Second-half rally shows Pitt is beast of the East

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The AFC championship game started too late to be included in this edition. See stripes.com for results and Tuesday's edition of Stars and Stripes

and Stripes for complete coverage.

